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ITALIANS SAID TO BE EVACUATING TOWNS OF TELEPINI & KLISURA

Special to the "Telegraph"

(The following report was received from Paul Palenios, United Press Staff Correspondent with the Greek Army on the Epirus front, and relayed from Athens by telephone to Zurich.)

ZURICH, DEC. 10 (UP).—IT IS REPORTED THAT THE ITALIANS ARE EVACUATING KLISURA AND TELEPINI, AND AUTHORITATIVE QUARTERS HERE EXPRESS THE BELIEF THAT THE FORCEFULNESS OF THE GREEK ADVANCE IS RENDERING IMPROBABLE THE ORGANISATION OF THE NEW ITALIAN DEFENCE LINE, BECAUSE MANY ITALIAN TROOPS ARE REPORTED TO BE RETREATING IN PANIC.

Advance On 150-Mile Front

ATHENS, Dec. 10 (UP).—The Greek radio official spokesman to-night announced that the Greeks have continued their advance along the entire 150 mile front, and the Italians are retreating hastily to the northward from Argyro-Castron and along the coast towards the heights of Himara.

On the entire front, the Italian rearguard is engaging the Greeks, trying to delay the advance with heavy Italian losses. In the area around Delvino, the Greeks are gathering up much war material, abandoned by the Italians. Bad weather, hail and snow, failed to dampen the spirit of the Greeks. The Greek successes and the impetuous advance are not allowing the Italians any time to reorganize.

Foreign correspondents reported that the Italians were forced to retreat in the face of a series of Greek attacks after trying to hold the semi-fortified positions to the north of Delvino.

Latest reports indicate the entire Italian right flank is retreating in a disorderly manner after the loss of Argyro-Castron.

SECOND DRIVE STARTS

With the first phase of their offensive successfully completed in record time the Greek army to-day unrolled a second drive along the whole 150-mile front without waiting for General Soddou to throw into the threatened points the 80,000, newly arrived reinforcements of which the Italian Radio boasts.

To-day's heaviest fighting took place north of Pogradetz while a two pronged drive is ousting the Italians from the coastal sectors.

Thousands of Italian troops and much ammunition are reported to have disembarked at Durazzo during the past few days. Tepelini, which is the present rallying point for the Italians, is protected by a 6,000-foot mountain which the Italians are hastily fortifying. Between there and Himara runs an unbroken chain of snow covered heights which the local Albanians call the Teeth of the Devil.

Progress Slowed Down

In the central sector of the Epirus front progress has been slowed down by very dirty weather, but the Greeks are still battling their way to Astovista Heights and also advancing along the Devoli River, according to the latest official reports. To the north of Premeti, where the road runs to Kilitura, the Italians are reported to have been removed from several highly important heights, but are disputing every foot of the road, using armoured cars and land mines. The benefits accruing from the Greek capture of Argyro-Castron include the finest airfield in south Albania, with concrete winter runways.

Retreat Becomes A Rout

ARGYRO-CASTRON, Dec. 10 (UP).—It is reported that the Italian retreat in the direction of Himara became a rout when part of the Greek troops, moving northward from Argyro-Castron, branched off and proceeded toward the sea across the mountains, while another part drove up the Drinos valley.

Italians Annihilated

LONDON, Dec. 10 (UP).—The London "Exchange Telegraph" army correspondent with the Greek army reports that Greek mountain artillery yesterday completely annihilated a strong enemy column which was defending fortified positions on the

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Channel Duel For Half Hour

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Dec. 10 (UP).—British and German long range guns traded single shells at frequent intervals for half an hour to-night, the bombardment ceasing shortly after 8 p.m.

It is also reported that Royal Air Force planes pestered German battery emplacements at Cape Gris Nez with heavy bombs. Observers saw sheets of red flames shooting towards the moonlit sky, while the rumble of explosions could be faintly heard.

Dover Shelled

DOVER, Dec. 10 (UP).—Three people were injured and several houses badly damaged during to-night's shelling of the Dover area according to reports received up to 10 p.m.

Capture Of Nazi Raider Denied

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, Dec. 10 (UP).—Authoritative circles here to-day denied the National Broadcasting Company's report of a B.B.C. announcement alleging that a British cruiser had captured a German raider in the South Atlantic.

Gestapo Introduced Into Indo-China

Information reaching the "Telegraph" from a very reliable source reveals that the Japanese have introduced the Gestapo in Indo-China, and with the assistance of French pro-Vichy police, Japanese gendarmes and Indo-China native police, are making lists of all persons believed or known to hold pro-British sympathies.

Coast Ports Set Ablaze

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Dec. 10 (UP).—The Air Ministry announced that the R.A.F. last night re-bombed Lorlent where they have been repeatedly hammering at the U-boat base.

They also bombed an aircraft factory at Bremen and the docks at Boulogne.

One enemy fighter was shot down. One British bomber is missing.

Fires Still Visible

DOVER, Dec. 10 (UP).—Fires were started by the R.A.F. last night at the French invasion ports particularly Calais and are still visible from the English coast to-day.

Blazing Fiercely

LONDON, Dec. 10 (UP).—Fires started by the R.A.F. in French

Serious Uprisings

In fact several lists are in existence and have been seen, of varying categories, based on the degree of pro-British feeling held by the particular individual. It is also confirmed that native uprisings, especially in southern Indo-China have been and still are very serious. They are, it is alleged, largely inspired by Japanese agents. In the Langson area, northern Tonkin, they have been particularly bad, and since the September trouble, chaos has reigned in the area. Natives have been given a practically free hand and have been killing French residents, pillaging houses and deserting from the French army.

These bands are also attacking French outposts and garrisons, and during the past week or two serious fighting has taken place.

It is reported that in order to quell the uprisings the authorities are sending a strong punitive expedition of Foreign Legionaries to the disturbed area. Reliable authorities place the number of natives executed as 40 to date. All armed natives and those found in possession of any loot are immediately shot.

It is a fact that some of the Japanese forces, because they have allied themselves with the natives, have been engaged in some of the fiercest fighting. The French forces, however, are still in the hands of the Japanese, and are being used to attack the natives.

JAPAN AND AMERICA

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

HONOLULU, Dec. 10 (UP).—There is no reason for Japan and America to fight, but if the United States send only one warship to Singapore "the Japanese people will become excited and the two countries will be at war."

This was the opinion expressed by Mr. Hatsutaro Haraguchi, retired member of the Japanese Diet and Tourist Industry Board, who arrived on board the Yawata Maru en route to San Francisco to-day.

A.A. GUNNERS ACHIEVEMENTS

LONDON, Dec. 10 (UP).—Some achievements of Britain's anti-aircraft defences are revealed by the War Office announcing awards of the O.B.E. to Lt.-Col. Norman Vause Sadler, commander of the anti-aircraft defences at Dover and East Kent, which have shot down 89 enemy planes during the last five months; and the Military Cross to 2nd-Lt. Patrick Valon Bennett, whose heavy anti-aircraft section of the Royal Artillery brought down 12 enemy planes during the last four months.

Hitler, Mussolini & Laval To Meet

Special to the "Telegraph"

BUCHAREST, Dec. 10 (UP).—A conference between Hitler and Mussolini and M. Laval is imminent according to an article in "Curentul," signed by its owner who is at present in Rome, adding that preliminaries for a separate peace between the Axis Powers and France will be discussed at that time.

It suggests that the object of maintaining the armistice would give Vichy time to prepare for the final peace conference, and adds that despite Marshal Petain's efforts towards economic and social developments,

particularly the latter, have given Berlin and Rome grave concern.

It asserts that Communism in the Paris region has caused Rome and Berlin to re-examine the situation closely.

PREPAREDNESS IN BRITAIN

Hitler may have given up his ideas of attempting to invade Britain, but the British army is taking no chances, and everywhere mobile guns and tanks are assembled to resist any attack. This striking picture, taken as the sun filtered through a heavy cloud, shows a 6-in. howitzer battery travelling along a country lane to take up a strategic position.



British Forces Score Heavily In Western Desert: Italians Cut Off

CAIRO, Dec. 10 (Reuter).—British armoured units operating in the rear of Sidi Barrani are believed to have cut off part of two Italian divisions.

Fighting continued to-day along a 30-mile front forming the right flank of two enemy divisions occupying the Sidi Barrani area.

During the night of December 8, naval units successfully bombarded Makalla Camp and Sidi Barrani in support of the operations, states a British naval communique.

It is stated that the British armoured units gained a success within 36 hours of launching their surprise attack at dawn on Monday and they have reached the coast between Sidi Barrani and Bugbug.

British aircraft ceaselessly hammered Italian communications to check reinforcements.

Operations in the Western Desert are successfully continuing, states a G.H.Q. communique. Prisoners so far captured are reported to exceed 4,000 and a number of medium tanks. In the Gallatani area, patrolling activity supported by our artillery fire continues.

British Troops Drive In Wedge
CAIRO, Dec. 10 (Reuter).—In their swift thrust to the coast British troops have driven a wedge between the Libyan forces holding Sidi Barrani and divisions supporting them further west.

The area occupied by the enemy roughly forms an equilateral triangle, the points of which are Sidi Barrani and the Italian camps at Makalla, 15 miles west along the coast, and Nibelwa, 10 miles due south of Sidi Barrani.

Italians Lose Heavily
Twenty-two enemy aircraft were reported shot down or destroyed—18 confirmed and four unconfirmed. One squadron accounted for eleven of these; four of which were seen burning on the ground at the same time. Another fighter squadron caused

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U.S. Control Of Iron May Affect Japan

Special to the "Telegraph"

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10 (UP).—An iron export control will become effective on December 30. The impression prevails that Japan is likely to be affected by the new controls, if and when the restrictions are enforced. Officials said that at present there is no plan for a total embargo on shipment but merely the creation of machinery to regulate them. The restrictions may be tightened later.

Official figures are not immediately available regarding what percentage Japan obtained from United States exports in this field, but a survey by the unofficial organization called the Chinese Council of Economic Research recently reported that the United States supplied 32 1/2 per cent. of Japan's total imports of iron and steel semi-manufactured products and 98 per cent. of her ferro alloys, as well as 90 per cent. of her steel scrap imports.

Since iron and steel scrap was recently embargoed, Japan appears to have turned increasingly to the import of other types of United States steel products. Japanese purchases of rods and bars during the first nine months of the year were valued at about \$7,500,000 against about \$3,000,000 last year. Her purchase of

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Britain's Resources Revealed

To United States

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10 (Reuter).—High officials of the United States defence and fiscal departments have been summoned to the Treasury to meet Mr. Henry Morgenthau, Secretary of the Treasury.

He will tell them facts concerning Britain's financial resources which have been given by Sir Frederick Phillips, Under-Secretary of the British Treasury.

It is understood that at a conversation lasting two hours at Mr. Morgenthau's home on Monday, Sir Frederick presented a balanced statement of Britain's resources and costs of supply.

Officials Study Assets
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10 (UP).—Mr. Morgenthau to-day presented the British financial balance sheet given him by Sir Frederick Phillips, to several high ranking United States officials including the War Secretary, Mr. Henry Stimson, the Secretary of Commerce, Mr. Jesse Jones, the Chief of Army Operations, General George Marshall, the Under-Secretary of State Mr. Sumner Welles, the Defence Commission Chairman, Mr. William Knudsen and the Under-Secretary for Navy, Mr. Forrestal.

CHUNGKING, Dec. 11 (Central News).—More than 5,000 Boy Scouts and Girl Guides in Chungking will be reviewed on January 1, by Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek.

Considerable Success

LONDON, Dec. 10 (Reuter).—Italian troops in Egypt are occupying an area extending from Sollum to Sidi Barrani bounded on the north by the sea and extending from 20 to 25 miles to the south, it is stated in authoritative military circles in London to-day.

Inside this quadrilateral, the Italians are holding a number of perimeter camps which are strongly defended and fortified and are provided with anti-tank and A.A. guns. It appears that the British forces have so far attacked two of these camps with considerable success. It cannot at the moment be said for certain that the Italians have been entirely driven out of these camps but what undoubtedly is true is that the British forces are in them or at least part of them.

It is probable that these camps are mainly occupied by native troops. It is known that there are two Libyan

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LATEST

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Just before going to press we received the following letter with enclosures:

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Criminal Sessions Calendar

In view of the unusually large number of cases and the approaching Christmas season, the December Criminal Sessions will be held earlier than usual. They will commence at the Supreme Court on Friday.

The following cases are down for trial:

Wu Kwong-yau, a Chinese soldier interned, murder of a fellow inmate of the Argyle Street Internment Camp;
Siu Cheuk, robbery and demanding money with menaces;

Li Ching, Li Tsol and Li Sing, robbery and attempted robbery of taxi-drivers;

Li Chiu, Chen Yau, Tang Ping and Tang Yung, robbery by two or more and possession of arms and ammunition at Taipei;

Ng Kan-nang, Tso Fa and Ng Yung-kan, assault with intent to rob three women;

Au Nam, Chau Kai, Luk Wing, Wong Sing and Pun Yung, armed robbery in a house in Prince Edward Road;

Li Wai, Kwok Yan, Tso On, Shek Leung and Tso Chung, possession of arms and ammunition in Shaokwan;

Fan Shiu, Lau Ping, Lau Kam, Wong Yam, possession of arms and ammunition on board a junk in Shaokwan;

Lau Fun, possession of arms and ammunition at Taipei;

Fu Sang and Cheung Ying-choi, possession of arms and ammunition at Taipei;

Ma Wai-man, Leung Fuk-lam and Lam Sik-yui, nine charges of possession and larceny of letters; Lam Chung, unlawful possession of postal packets;

Kwok Fong, Leung Ying and Mak Kun-sing, uttering and possession of forged bank-notes in Kowloon; Cheng Shiu, Tang Cheuk and Cheng Hoi, possession of forged bank-notes; Wong Wah, uttering and possession of forged bank-notes; Lau Yat-chung, uttering and possession of forged bank-notes;

Lau Chun, Li Tung, Man Wong, Wong Sin, Kung Tak-on, Ho Ngan, Yeung Wing and Li Kwai, breach of Deportation Ordinance.

Japanese Lose Heavily

Abusive Offensive

ICHANG, Dec. 10 (Central News).—The Japanese have suffered severe losses in men and supplies in their recent abusive "winter" offensive in northern and central Hupeh. Total Japanese casualties are estimated at nearly 20,000, 8,000 on the Kimmeng-Tanyang front, 5,000 on the Chingshan-Chungshan front, and 6,000 on the Sinyang-Huayuan highway. Among the booty captured are 12 field guns, 130 light and heavy machine-guns, more than 1,000 rifles, 343 war horses, and large quantities of ammunition and military supplies. The districts north of Kimmeng are now completely cleared of Japanese troops.

A Japanese unit at Yachuehling east of Ichang was ambushed last week.

A.R.P. WORKERS AT SIMLA

At a big rally at Viceregal Lodge, Simla, last month, Lady Linlithgow inspected a large number of persons who had undergone instruction in the courses organised by the Simla branch of the St. John Ambulance Association in first aid and A.R.P. work. She also presented certificates and medals.

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Britain Watchful Of "Quisling" Internees

LONDON, Dec. 10 (Reuter).—Under "their powers the Home Office had not dealt with enemy aliens and other internees improperly or spitefully," declared Mr. Herbert Morrison, Home Secretary, replying to a debate in the House of Commons.

They had seen what had happened to Holland, Belgium and Norway and "we knew we had our own Quislings in this country ready to play their part."

"The lesson of Nazi Germany is that republican politicians at one time respected very fully those principles which are now urged upon me."

"The result was that Hitler in republican Germany was dealt with under a very gentle law. He was put into prison but was given the right of access to certain persons and in two months he was out."

"If I had been running the German government at that time he would never have got out and would never have survived."

"He is an enemy of the State and ought to be shot—and that would have been a very fine thing for Germany and the world. If I have to take any action in the defence of security I shall take it. The security of the State in time of war comes before anything."

Blockade Will Be Kept Intact

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10 (UP).—Britain will not permit food destined for the German subjugated nations in Europe to pass the British blockade because it would assist the German war effort, declared Lord Latham, British Ambassador to Washington, in a statement today.

Executive Yuan Meets: Grants & Appointments

CHUNGKING, Dec. 11 (Central News).—A number of important decisions and appointments were made by the Executive Yuan at its regular meeting yesterday.

At the instance of Dr. H. H. Kung, Vice-President of the Yuan, an appropriation of \$1,000,000 for the relief of the teaching staff and students of private universities and middle schools which have moved to Szechwan from the war zones was decided upon.

Dr. Kung said that relief has been provided for the faculty and students of national universities and middle schools. In view of the present high cost of living, similar relief should also be extended to those of private institutions.

Engineer Commended

The meeting decided to issue an order of commendation of Mr. Chien Chang-kan, chief of the Brigades Designing Department of the Ministry stationed in Kunming, who was killed in the C.N.A.C. airliner "Chungking" when the machine was shot down by Japanese military aircraft at Chanyi, Yunnan on October 29. Further, the meeting decided to

Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

ACROSS

- Quick-drying cement
- One who provides ball money
- Interesting self-reproach
- Rooted passageway
- Each laborer secure place
- Kind of pickle
- One of various forms of element
- Foot
- Leaf-like food
- Mythical bird
- Mistle seed
- Melodies
- Wearing proposition
- Cover
- Argument of debate
- Pure thought
- Portia surface of
- Form of billiards
- Click-bee
- Presentations
- Philippine peasant
- Sound made by looper
- "The tent-maker"
- Medieval herb
- Ancient Bead
- Writing instrument
- Those who transmit
- Makes beloved
- Prepared to hit golf-ball
- Within

DOWN

- Compare with fixed standard
- Elial
- Grassy surface-roll
- Branch of mathematics (large)
- Small body of land surrounded by water
- Pertaining to cells
- Terminated
- In music, unaccented part of bar
- Latitude (abbr.)
- Praying
- Noted secure place
- One who lifts up
- Withdraw from
- Union
- Administrator of wealth
- Kind of dye
- One who draws out
- Not candy
- Outer space
- Crablike coating
- Vegetable
- Baller
- City of pigen
- Pertaining to sound of speech
- Runs away to get married
- Drive for
- Oliver wholly
- Frontly divided rock
- Girl's name
- Staking dirt
- Time of cloth
- Scene of action
- Industrial district of Germany
- Adjusts
- Noted period of history
- Not a Roman Empire (abbr.)
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Ord. Dec. 13, 4.30 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 14

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G.P.O. & K.P.O.

Parcels Dec. 14, 4.00 p.m.

Reg. Dec. 14, 5.00 p.m.

Ord. Dec. 14, 5.30 p.m.

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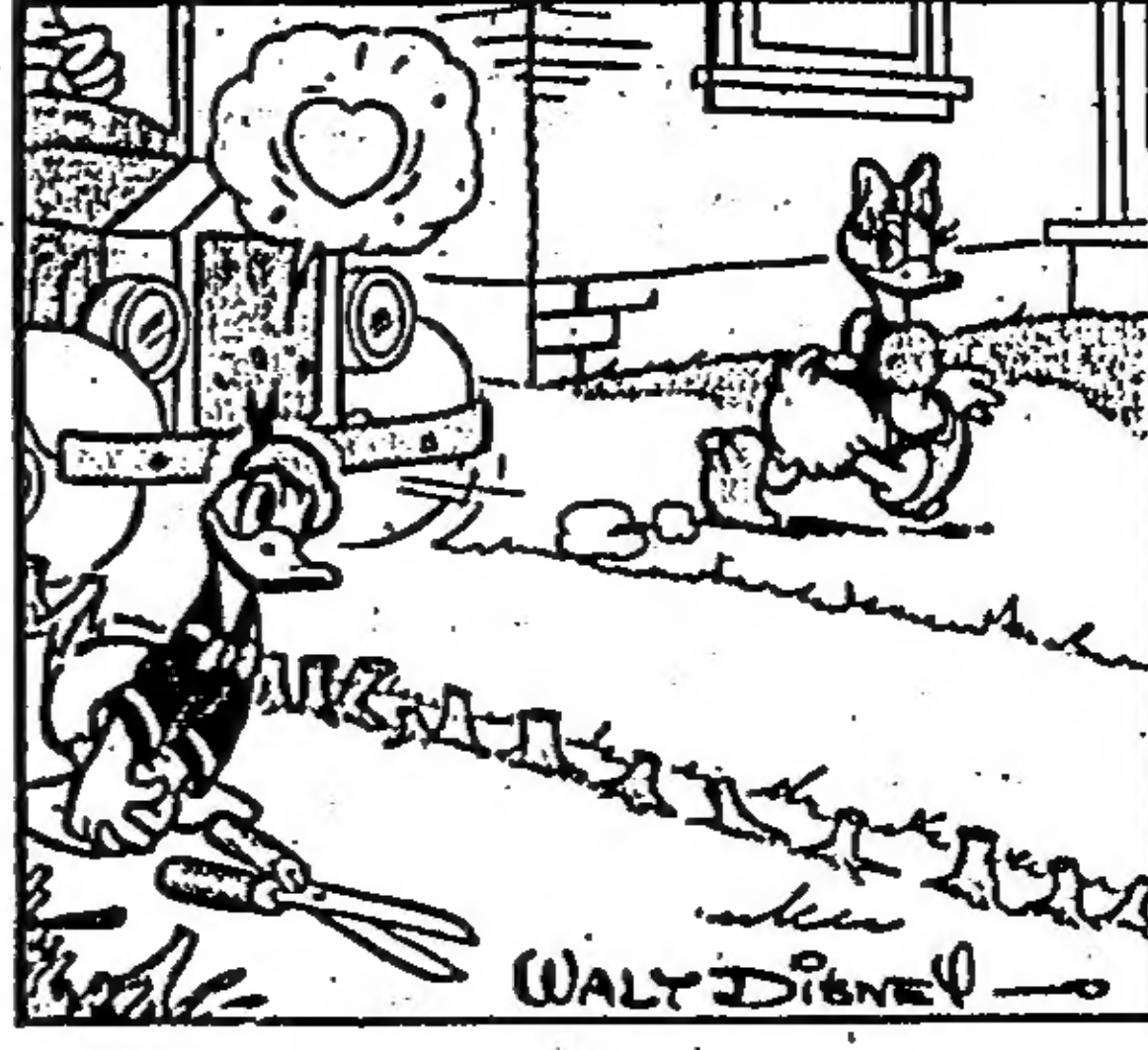
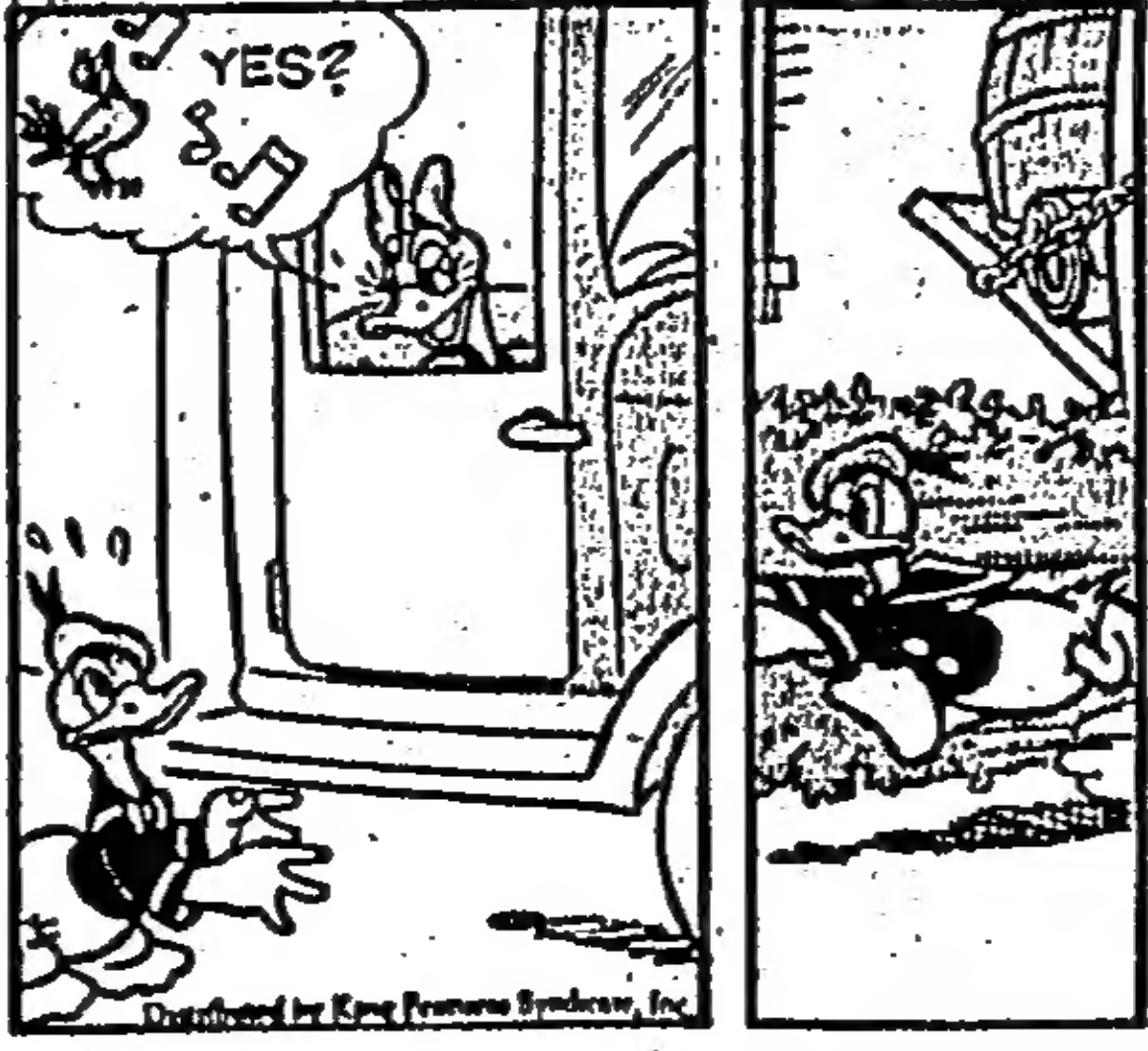
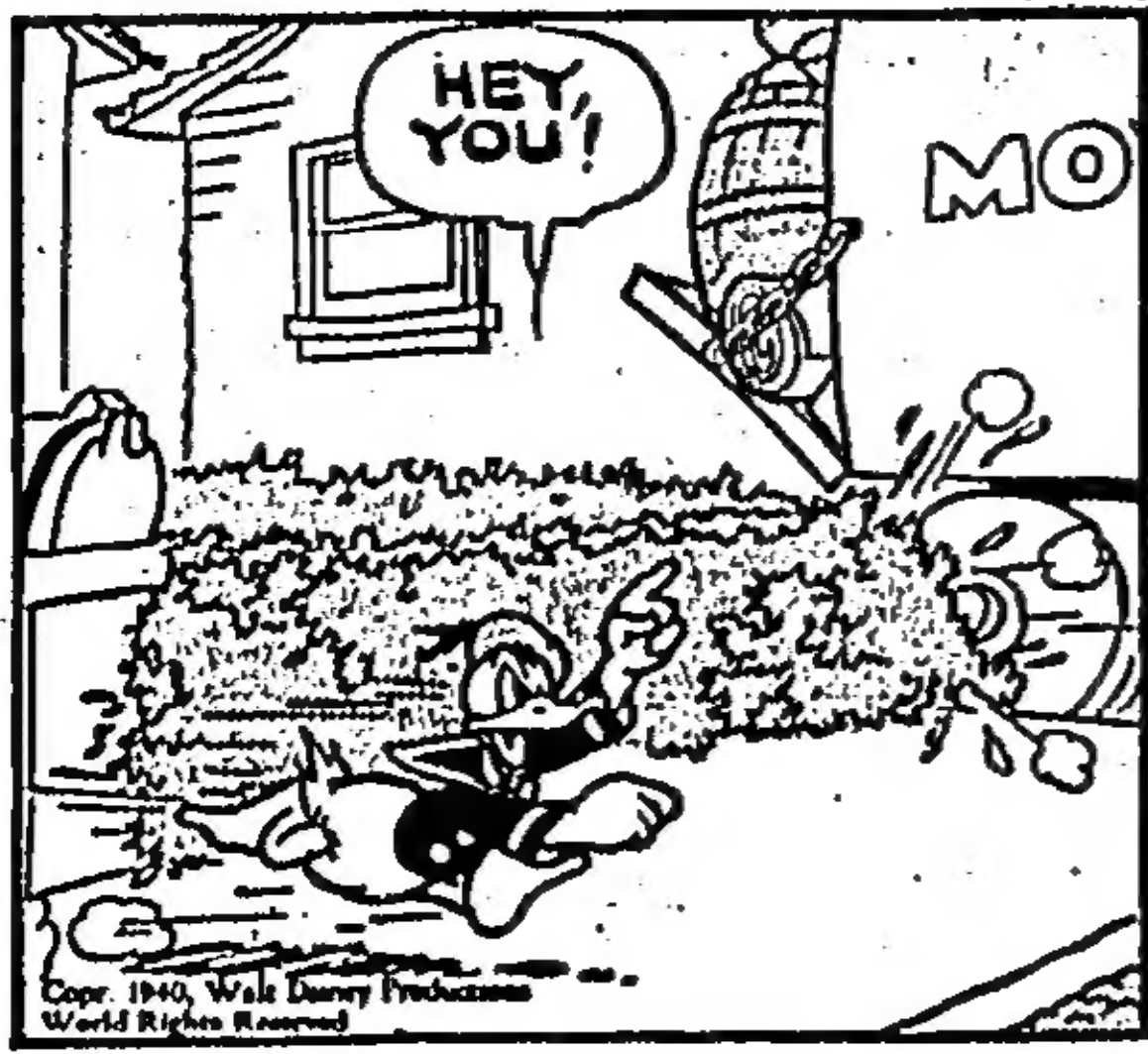
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RESUME

Since marriage is a girl's only career in the 1800's, Mrs. Bennet, mother of five marriageable daughters—Elizabeth, Jane, Mary, Lydia and Kitty—campaigns like a general to capture two rich London bachelors, Mr. Darcy and Mr. Bingley, for her two elder girls. Jane and Bingley fall in love at first sight; but Darcy's arrogant pride prejudices Elizabeth against him. Bingley's sister invites Jane to call. Mrs. Bennet is ecstatic; she forces Jane to make the trip on horseback despite pouring rain, praying that the weather will delay her return home. Jane catches cold and remains at the Bingleys for a week. Charles Bingley is enchanted with her. He gives a garden party celebrating her recovery. Elizabeth again meets Darcy. Despite his charm and evident interest, his arrogance enrages her, particularly his refusal to meet Mr. Wickham, her sister Lydia's friend. Elizabeth is further infuriated by Miss Bingley's supercilious condescension.

Chapter Three

PRIDE BECOMES
PREJUDICE

At dusk, the guests gathered in the drawing room for music and refreshments. Elizabeth had avoided Darcy and Miss Bingley since their encounter on the archery field. Yet, she found no comfort indoors. She remained on the sidelines with her father, her heart pounding with embarrassment for him and herself. Nothing could stop Mrs. Bennet's repeated cries of delight at the splendour of Mr. Bingley's hospitality, nor could anyone hush her whispered yet distinct remarks about that gentleman's pre-occupation with Jane.

Elizabeth seized her father's arm in despair. Her sister Mary, made for the refreshment room. At one glance she took in the picture of her sisters, Lydia and Kitty, at the punchbowl, surrounded by flashy young officers.

She rushed back to the drawing room in despair. Her mother's voice sounded almost distinct. Mrs. Bennet was holding court at one side of the room, repeating for the benefit of all and sundry, that Mr. Bingley had not, even for the briefest moment, relaxed his devoted attentions to her Jane.

Elizabeth wheeled about at the sound of another strident voice. Her cousin, Mr. Collins, was seated in conversation with her dearest friend, Charlotte Lucas. But it was a one-sided discussion, with the clergyman booming away about the marvellous condescension of Lady de Bourgh, patroness of his parish. She was so condescendingly charming, she even permitted him to greet her, he cried.

Elizabeth made for the terrace as one trying to awaken from a bad dream. Miss Bingley intercepted her.

"Let me congratulate you, Miss Eliza," Caroline sneered venomously.

"On what?" faltered Elizabeth.

"On your family. A talented young sinner. A cousin distinguished for his wit and important connections. Two young sisters who are the toast of the officers' mess. A mother who is a most diverting conversationalist; to say nothing of your own dexterity with the bow and arrow. Such an interesting and accomplished family—and family is so important!"

Elizabeth turned and ran, her eyes smouldering with tears of chagrin. Outside on the terrace, she leaned her head against one of

the columns and sobbed out her heart.

Darcy found her there.

"Is there something I can do?" he asked with deep concern.

"You can allow me to make a fool of myself alone," she said tersely. "Isn't that what I did this afternoon when I defended Mr. Wickham at that archery field?"

"I rather admire what you did this afternoon," he answered quietly. "Your resentment at what you believed an injustice showed courage and loyalty. I wish I might possess a friend who defended me as ably as Mr. Wickham was defended to-day."

Elizabeth stared at him through her tears. There was no questioning the man's sincerity.

"You're very puzzling, Mr. Darcy," she said, at length. "At this moment it is difficult to believe you are so arrogant and proud."

He smiled tenderly. "And, at the moment, it is difficult to believe you are so prejudiced." He put out his hand impulsively. "What do you say we wipe the slate clean and start again, Miss Elizabeth?"

Before she could answer, her mother's voice floated out to the terrace.

"I must insist on your looking at Jane and Mr. Bingley," Mrs. Bennet was exclaiming. "That week she was ill at Netherfield completed the conquest. Wasn't it clever of me to send her over in the rain?"

Elizabeth flushed in an agony of shame.

The gay, sensitive smile which had been warming Darcy's visage faded.

Mrs. Bennet's voice sailed out to them again, but before either could discern her words, Elizabeth collected herself.

"If you'll excuse me—" she began brokenly.

"Permit me to take you inside," he replied coldly.

As they turned to the door, Kitty stumbled drunkenly out of the house, Lydia, screaming hilariously, followed, a veritable parade of roaring officers at her heels.

Elizabeth stepped back in utter dismay.

Through the open door came Mr. Bingley's voice calling partners to dance the Highland reel.

"Such a gay dance, the reel—" she pleaded desperately to Darcy.

He nodded frigidly. "Allow me to take you to the drawing room, Miss Elizabeth. There must be many young men there wishing to dance with you."

She held back her tears, and with head high, preceded him into the house. They had advanced but a few steps, when her cousin, Mr. Collins, rushed up to them. "Mr. Darcy!" he cried. "Do you know that your aunt, Lady de Bourgh, is my patroness?"

"Indeed?" Darcy's tone was dead.

"You will be happy to learn," Collins gushed on, "that when I

left her two weeks ago, your graceful Aunt was enjoying the best of health—"

Disdaining to reply, Darcy bowed to Elizabeth and strode off.

"Oh, Mr. Collins," cried Elizabeth in anguish. "Why did you give him the opportunity to snub you like that. You should never have introduced yourself."

"Snub me?" demanded Collins. "Why he received me with the heartiest condescension. He's very like his Aunt—" and thus protesting, he followed her into the drawing room.

Darcy returned to the terrace in an effort to calm his thoughts. Miss Bingley found him there.

"Goodness, Mr. Darcy," she exclaimed, simulating surprise. "What

a start you gave me. I had no idea you were out here."

"I was just—just seeing if everything was all right, you know."

"How thoughtful of you," she murmured.

There ensued several seconds of silence.

Mr. Darcy—I'd like to talk to you—about that Bennet girl, Jane. I thought Charles was having only a little flirtation—but he seems to be taking it seriously. Can you believe it? He actually said something to me about marriage. Marriage!"

Darcy started. "I take it that you would regard such a match as unbecoming?"

"Unsuitable? But, Mr. Darcy, it's impossible. Absolutely impossible!"

He was lost in thought. Finally, he raised unhappy eyes to her face. "You're right," he said slowly. "It's mad—but all the same—it's a question of deep feeling."

"Well, let him have his deep feelings," she cried. "But let him have them about someone he can marry."

Darcy stared ahead of him, his eyes dark and brooding. "Such a spirit, such a life, such a quick flame-like quality," he said, speaking aloud his thoughts of Elizabeth.

Miss Bingley looked at him in astonishment. "Jane Bennet flame-like?"

Her tone and question brought Darcy to himself and shook off the claim of his inner thoughts. "Well, I mean—mean—Miss Jane's a very beautiful girl."

"Oh, I agree," she answered quickly. "Pretty as you can make them. But after all, there are plenty of pretty girls—pretty girls who don't have vulgar mothers and uncles in trade; and a row of unimpeachable sisters. Happiness doesn't depend on choosing a wife with low connections. On the contrary."

The painful details of the evening came sharply to mind, at her words. Darcy straightened up suddenly and when he spoke, his voice was harsh and cold. "You're right. A man has no right to play with fire. One has his duty to his family—his rank—his position."

"And I'm sure it's not a case of love on her part," Miss Bingley cried. "Oh, Mr. Darcy. Do go and save Charles at once. Tell him he must be sensible. Your word will have more influence with him than anything—"

He nodded. "We're like a pair of conspirators," he concluded grimly. "We're plotting the murder of a man's feelings. Well," he sighed, "seeing it has to be done, let's do it quickly."

And with firm steps, they re-entered the hall.

Will Darcy convince Bingley to relinquish Jane? What about his own feelings for Elizabeth? Read to-morrow's chapter.

YESTERDAY'S HISTORY FOR TO-DAY

Often the complaint is heard that too many of our public leaders appeal to the records of history for inspiration, comforting parallel, and guidance in these stressful days. People object that it is useless now to recall the deeds of Drake, Frohisher, Wellington, Nelson, or to recount the failures of Napoleon or of Wilhelm. Weapons are different, they say, the character of warfare is different, and so historical parallels do nothing but confuse and delude the public.

There is some reason in these complaints. The tendency to look backward instead of forward has long been a weakness of western democracies, in comparison with the practice of the dictatorship. Too much reliance on the tactics and military thought of the past has sometimes proved tragic—it played its part in France's collapse—but it has, in spite of all this, been demonstrated again and again that there are two unshakable reasons why the appeal to history should not always play us false. One of these reasons is geography; the other is heredity. The influence of these things cannot be shattered by blitzkrieg, tank or bomber.

The great men of the past, the Nelsons and the Wellingtons, and those who served under them, bequeathed us not only a great tradition, but their own qualities of courage and determination. Other peoples within the British Commonwealth have their own heroes, their own honoured ancestors, and their deeds still inspire, their blood lives on. Indeed, the nation that forgets its heroes is in danger of losing its life.

History repeats itself, because grandsons are like grandfathers, and because climate and physical geography are unchangeable con-

tury by century. No matter how powers wax and wane, islands and seas and continents remain the same.

So it is that the English Channel still separates England and France, whether it is Hitler or Napoleon who is at Calais; The British Isles still stand sentinel over Europe's northern coast, and Gibraltar over the entrance to the Mediterranean, as they did when Pitt's blockade broke the Continental system.

Sea power is just as vital to-day as it was when Napoleon dreamed of a world empire. These are facts now, even as they are facts in history. The countries of the British Empire are scattered through seven continents. This is their handicap in massing for a concentrated blow, or keeping the less self-sufficient members fed, and furnished when an enemy besets them. At the same time it is their strength against a foe who relies on a sudden smashing effort to destroy a national fortress and compel an immediate surrender.

There is no single Empire Maginot Line to be penetrated, no one solitary fortress to be overthrown. Its defences are miles in depth, and skies and the oceans are its allies, even as they are the symbols of its freedom. Thus it is to-day. So it was in history.

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MUSSOLINI'S CUP OF BITTERNESS

MUSSOLINI'S cup of bitter-
ness is precious near to over-
flowing. All his best (but not
very cleverly) laid schemes are
going so sadly astray that the
glittering prizes which he
believed he held within his
grasp after the capitulation of
France are rapidly turning into
hot coals, which will maim and
render him harmless for the
rest of his life.

Two months ago Il Duce and
his now-disgraced military
chiefs were secretly exulting
over the possibilities of a cam-
paign, which was not only to
earn for Italy a highly strate-
gical stronghold of the eastern
Mediterranean, but which was
to pave the way for a gloriously
successful offensive in Egypt.
The psychological effect of the
defeat of Greece, with its ac-
companying threat to Palestine
and Egypt, was to provide Il
Duce with his trump card in
dealing with British opposition.
He figured on new submarine
bases at Crete which would not only
permit him to bottle up the Aegean
Sea (thus blunting the effect of any
move which Turkey might make on
behalf of the Allies), but which
would also provide him with the
chances of creating a new sea lane
for the transfer of troops and equip-
ment to his Libyan bases. From
that point would begin the mighty
drive towards the Suez.

But what has happened? His
armies have been ignominiously
defeated in the field by the Greeks,
who, benefiting from sound, and
quite often inspired leadership, have
driven the Italian invaders from
their land and are now in the process
of completing their destruction in
Albania. A shattering blow to the
gaudy dreams of the Roman dictator,
and sufficient to provide precisely
that psychological position for the
British which Il Duce fondly believed
would be at his disposal.

The Italian forces now face a
two-way blitzkrieg. Timing the
movement with careful precision,
Britain's desert armies have begun
an offensive against Graziani's
forces, which succeeded some time
ago in penetrating into the Western
Desert, while simultaneously the
Greeks continue their inexorable
drive into Albania. In short, posi-
tions have been completely reversed.
Mussolini is strictly on the defensive;
not only militarily, but domestically.
Rome propaganda efforts to dismiss
the wholesale reshuffle in Italian
military commands as being delibe-
rate and desirable are natural, but
unconvincing; the changes are too
sweeping; they completely reversed
the British offensive in the desert.
together with the Greek achieve-
ments in Albania, provides for the
Allies some of the most stimulating
news since the start of the war
against the Totalitarian Vandals.



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A Hongkong Evacuee Discovers Australia

By
**HELEN
WALKER
DUNCAN**

As the weeks slip away
and quietly fade into
months, the women of
Hongkong are gradually
settling down in their new
homes in Australia.

There are nearly a thou-
sand Hongkong women in
Sydney. Since their arrival
they have found accommoda-
tion in different suburbs;
they have arranged weekly
meetings with each other,
whilst their children are
busily making new friends
at various schools.

However, the task of settling
down and becoming acquainted
with all the freshness and
beauty of the scenery here has
taken considerable time. Lodged
at the back of every mind is the
eternal question, "When will we
return to our husbands and
homes?" This, in itself, has
proved a stumbling block to
many who find that settling
down in a new country is no easy
matter.

There are many who still com-
plain bitterly although, fortun-
ately, they are in the minority.
The others have philosophically
set themselves out to study their
new neighbours.

As an evacuee, I can under-
stand their various points of
view. But I have come to love
my new home with its beauty
and variety of scene and its
hospitable people.

After many years in Hong-
kong, I find the change delight-
ful. Every day, with the help of a
newly-acquired guide book, I dis-
cover something new and excit-
ing. I often wonder what my
impressions of our Colony will be
when I return.

The beaches, birds, animals,
flowers and the language are a
few of the many subjects which
have proved of interest.

Never have I seen such won-
derful beaches with their
deep blue waters sparkling
in the sun, the white capped
surf dashing itself onto beaches
of fine, white sand. During the
warm week-ends, thousands
journey to the beaches and
spend their days in glorious fun.
Of course, it is difficult for us to
enjoy a beach without the com-
forts of a matched and coolies
to wash our tiffin dishes. But,
on the whole, I would rather
join these crowds of friendly
holiday makers and sit beside

them on a beach whilst they
frolic around me.

Then there are the birds, ani-
mals and flowers which have
proved so interesting. The
kookaburra, a wise-looking little
bird with an oversized head, has
appealed to me since I first saw

him on the day of my arrival.
There are many of these birds
at the Taronga Park Zoological
Gardens which, incidentally, is
probably the most picturesquely
situated Zoological Park in the
world.

Taronga is a native word
meaning "sea view" and the
park has been well named. It
is situated on one of the pret-
tiest stretches of shore on Syd-
ney Harbour. In its natural
state, the park consisted of
rocky ledges and slopes rising to
a considerable height from the
water's edge. These rocky
ledges have been cunningly
utilised in the construction of
enclosures for the animals. It is
there that I have seen many of
these strange birds, animals and
flowers.

The kangaroos and wallabies
are always a delight to watch.
They love potato chips and, as
long as the bag lasts out, they
will stand patiently on their
tails softly picking the chips out
of your hand. Their tails
and hind-legs appear to be
tremendously strong but their
little front paws and soft rab-
bity mouths dispel any fear.

However, I think that the
most popular of all Australian
animals is the koala or native
bear. Such an ugly little fellow
he is, but so decidedly attractive,
I didn't know until I arrived here
that it is forbidden to keep these
little creatures as pets.

But the Koala Park at West
Pennant Hills has proved a
sanctuary for these amusing
bundles of soft fur—survivors
of past ages. There they are
being successfully bred and
maintained amidst hundreds of
eucalyptus trees.

A description of the flowers
in this lovely land would take
bridge and our Breidman!

many columns of print. But I
must mention the wattle, with
its bright yellow colouring; the
warratah, a stiff dark red flower
which looks as if it had been
varnished; and the jackaranda,
a bright blue bell-like flower,
now in season.

In October, the wistaria was
in bloom and I was fortunate to
see these beautiful blossoms at
Vauluse House. This delight-
ful old place, once the home of
William Charles Wentworth, the
Father of the Constitution,
has been placed under the con-
trol of a trust and is open for
public inspection.

Preserved there are many re-
lics of the early days of colonial
settlement. Originally, it was
the home of Sir Henry Browne
Hayes, an Irishman. Shortly
after settling there, he pur-
chased five hundred barrels of
peat soil from Ireland. This ar-
rived on a special boat. On a
St. Patrick's Day, he took the
peat and with it filled a trench
six feet deep and two feet wide,
running right round the house.
This was done in order to keep
the snakes away. I have not
been able to discover whether
St. Patrick or the peat proved to
be of any assistance in the mat-
ter.

The people here have been
friendly and hospitable to many
Hongkong women. I like them. By
our tongues they know that we are
not Australians. This fact alone has
brought me into conversation with
innumerable people in shops, buses
and trams.

These have included an old man
in the Botanical Gardens who of-
fered to give me dozens of racing
tips; a bus conductor who wanted
me to meet another passenger be-
cause he had an English accent and
an old lady who commenced by ad-
miring my hat and then gave me
her life history.

Everyone is friendly and helpful—
even the clerks in the banks. What
a delightful experience!

I find myself making friends easi-
ly with the Australians and using
their slang expressions which always
seem to describe exactly what is
meant. I am beginning to under-
stand many expressions and do not
hesitate now to use them in general
conversation.

I've seen the aborigines at La
Perouse and most of the historical
spots. I've heard a Maori singing
their hauntingly beautiful farewell
song. I've joined in community
singing concerts and seen real live
Australian cowboys buck-jumping.
In fact, I have tried to see, talk to
and visit everything of interest.
Whatever happens I will never for-
get my first four months' residence
in Sydney.

But, above all else, I've seen our
harbour bridge. By the way, it may
not be generally known that Sydney
is three hours ahead of Melbourne!
The three comprise our harbour, our
bridge and our Breidman!

Musso's Swan(k) Song

"HO, I have a Fleet that none can
beat,"
Cries Musso, the doughty Dago,
"It preserves its paint with great
restraint,
As it hides in an archipelago."

"We have such fun at tip and run,
Things really are exciting,
But we don't go far from the har-
bour bar,
It's a safer game than fighting."

"I thrust my chin with warlike grin,
And Black Shirts holla 'Vivas',
They gulp my bluff on the Sea King
stuff,
As becomes all true believers."

"So turn about, don't venture out,
My grand Italian Navy,
Stay nearer Rome, you're best at
home,
Then you won't get sent to
Davy."

H. C. L.

WITH THE GUNS

By G. LESLIE CARTER

"TARGET!"
Hardly it seemed, had
the bombardier shouted—
almost screamed—the word
than the guns were brought
to bear and fired.

It was the opening of the great
battle over the Thames Estuary
on Saturday afternoon when 500
enemy aircraft carried out their
biggest raid of the war on the
London area.

I was standing in the command
post of an A.A. gun site in Essex.
Minutes before the alarm had
sounded bells had shrilled, a
suspended brake-drum was
clanged. The gunners, in the
midst of tea, ran to their stations
with mouths still crammed with
bread-and-butter.

In the post the plotter was
marking on his special map the
course of the raiders. We were
at our posts before they had crossed
the coast.

Puffs of Smoke
Then came the report that mass
formations of enemy bombers were
approaching a spot where they
would be in range of our guns.
The guns were brought to bear
in the direction the raiders were
taking. From miles away across
the North Sea, the sound of the
sudden, in the clear blue sky,
four little puffs of smoke
blossomed.

Suddenly we saw them, the
leaders flying in echelon just
ahead of the bursts, the
remainder surrounded by the
puffs of smoke which by now
had become more dense.

"Target!"
Orders tapped out, rounds were
slammed in the guns. Eyes were
glued to the special telescope, a
spotter reported "Downers!"
"Fire!" the blast of the guns
puffed my tin hat, dust flew into
my eyes. There was an odd rub-
bing noise as the shells fled
upward. We could see the
machines clearly now, great twin-
engine bombers flying steadily in
formation. Above them tiny silver
specks flew back and forth—the
escort of Messerschmitt fighters.

New puffs—our shells—joined the
barrage of splinters up there.
The formation, rattled, flew on,
others coming up in its wake, but
weaving in and out.
Minutes after there came the
deeper earth-shuddering explosion
of a bomb. Then others.
Fighters on "em. air" reported
a spotter. High in the sky to the
south a thin plume of smoke
started falling downward. It grew
as it plummeted. Far over in
Kent we lost sight of it. To the
north more machine-guns were
firing. Again a great ball of smoke
bumbled out of the sky.

Wheeling Bombers
Then again the shout of
"Target!" The bombers, now
joined by Heinkels, were wheeling,
coming back into range after their
job had been done. Once more our
guns belched, leaving yellow cordite
smoke on the still evening air.
Our bursts followed them until a
predictor operator shouted des-
pondently, "Target out of range!"
The guns had done their job.
Nobody dared think of the
shambles the raiders might
have caused if they had been
allowed to fly on undisturbed.
The damage they did was great,
but it would have been far greater
had the guns not been there.

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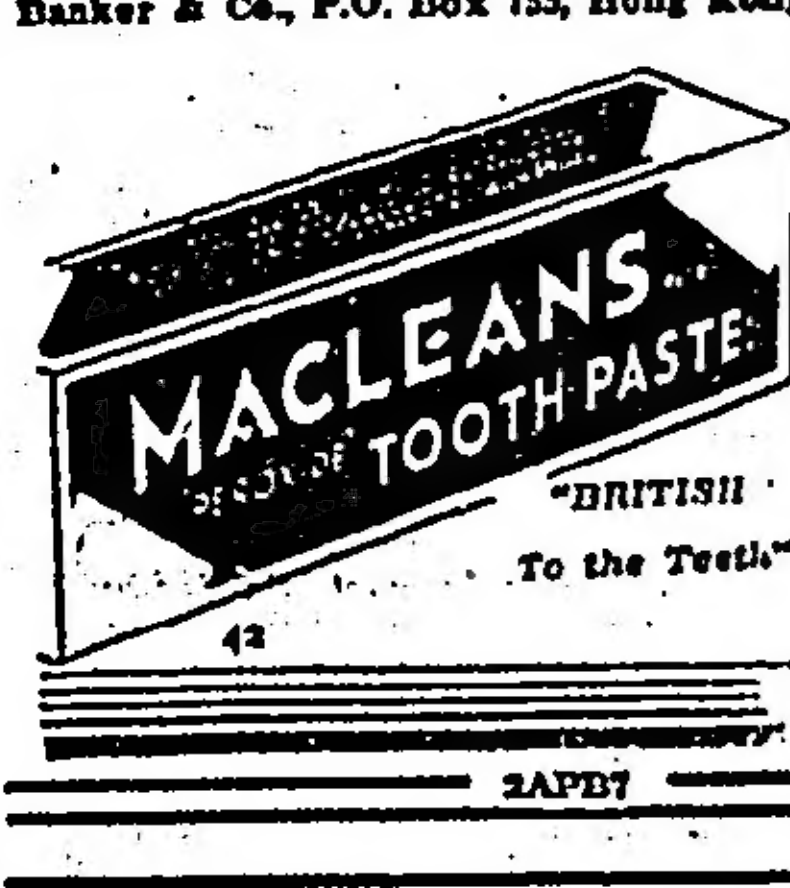
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HITLER SPEECH War On Capitalist Countries

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10 (Reuter).—Hitler's speech is regarded here as a "pop talk" to millions of workers, and secondly a challenge to the rest of the world, whether belligerent or not, which opposes Nazi economics. Hitler's announcement of war on capitalism everywhere is taken here as aimed chiefly at Britain and the United States, and as final recognition that America, if not belligerent, is really in the war with Britain.

It is also considered significant that German workers needed such a "pop talk," particularly such a lengthy one. **Hitler's "Bodyguard"**
BERLIN, Dec. 10 (UP).—It has been disclosed that when Hitler made his speech, he was surrounded by eight heavy anti-aircraft batteries with brilliant searchlights.

Despair Of Peace
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
WASHINGTON, Dec. 10 (UP).—The tenor of Hitler's speech has left the impression here that Germany despairs of obtaining a negotiated peace in the near future and that the speech was mainly intended to stiffen German public opinion in the face of the failure to "blitz" England and the Italian reverses.

It is believed that the reference to the United States was aimed to adjust German opinion to the steadily growing United States aid to Britain. His omission of any references to the Italian reverses has also been noted.

Antonescu's Powers Control Of Police

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
BUCHAREST, Dec. 10 (UP).—The Government to-day issued a decree extending the Rumanian Prime Minister's command of the armed forces to cover the gendarmerie throughout the country. Hitherto the gendarmerie have been under the command of the Minister of the Interior.

Another decree places the Bucharest police under the direction of the Surete Nationale.

Chinese Welcome British Loan

Positive Policy Proof
LONDON, Dec. 10 (Reuter).—Ambassador Quo 'Tai-chi' to-day called on Mr. J. M. Keynes, financial advisor to the British Treasury. Arrangements for a preliminary technical agreement are now being negotiated.

Chinese circles in London warmly welcome the decision of the British Government to grant a new loan of £10,000,000 to China. Commenting on the decision, they said that the loan is an indication of Anglo-American solidarity in co-operation with China and in the Pacific. It also emphasizes the close community of interests between the English-speaking democracies and China, and the importance of China's resistance against aggression.

S'hai Police Strike For Hour

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
SHANGHAI, Dec. 11 (UP).—An unspecified number of Chinese constables attached to the French police in the French Settlement went on strike at 9 a.m. to-day but returned to duty an hour later without presenting any demands.

The strike is believed to be the aftermath of the International Settlement police strike on November 30.

Few Nazi Raiders Pierce Defences

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, Dec. 10 (UP).—The Air Ministry and the Ministry of Home Security announced: "A few enemy aircraft approached our coasts singly during the day, of which some penetrated into East Kent. Reports already received indicate that only two bombs were dropped causing little damage and no casualties."

Two Spies Executed In England

LONDON, Dec. 10 (Reuter).—After the two German spies executed to-day had been arrested, they confessed and told of instructions they had received.

This fact was disclosed in a broadcast to-night by an officer whose business it is to prevent leakage of information to the enemy.

The officer stated that Waldberg may have acted from patriotic motives but Meir acted simply for money.

In addition to a wireless transmitter and a considerable sum of English money, the two men had brought "iron" (military) rationals with them.

Britain Cannot Lose War, Says Greenwood

LONDON, Dec. 10 (Reuter).—"Britain cannot lose the war unless we are guilty of wavering on the road to victory," said Mr. Arthur Greenwood, Minister without Portfolio, speaking in London to-day.

"I do not say that victory is around the corner but I do say unhesitatingly that Germany cannot win," he went on. "Our naval power to-day is relatively greater than at any other period of the war. Our air strength grows day by day. Our new armies are steadily growing in numbers and equipment, efficiency and striking power."

"Our industrial power in war production continues to expand. The moral power of our people has never been higher than it is to-day after the most severe testing to which any nation has ever been subjected. "Our enemies are puzzled and angered that the people whom they have been led to believe were decadent and devoid of vigorous qualities, should when attacked by the so-called dynamic young nations, have been able not only to withstand successfully a savage and unbridled terrorism far beyond what has sufficed to bring other nations rapidly to their knees, but at the same time to counter with hard, shrewd and stinging blows that inflict a great and growing injury to our foes."

Duchess Of Windsor Has Operation

MIAMI, Dec. 10 (Reuter).—The Duke and Duchess of Windsor arrived here on board the yacht Southern Cross to-day.

There was a formal reception by the British Consul General, Consular officials and local authorities and a press conference was held.

The Duchess underwent a major operation this afternoon.

The doctors reported that she reacted promptly and favourably. The Duchess left the operating room 25 minutes after the anaesthetic was administered.

Jaw Bone Trouble

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
MIAMI, Dec. 10 (UP).—The Duchess of Windsor was anaesthetized at 1.05 p.m. and left the operating room at 1.30 p.m.

Doctor Horace L. Garte said that her progress was most satisfactory but the condition of the jaw bone was "more serious than was anticipated."

It was later announced that the Windsors will remain at the St. Francis Hospital until Friday when they will transfer to the Biltmore Hotel in Miami prior to returning to Nassau on Wednesday's private yacht Southern Cross.

Evacuation Petition Still Awaits Reply

The following communique was issued by the Hon. Secretary, Mr. F. C. Clemon, after the meeting of the Husbands' Evacuation Committee held at the Peninsula Hotel last night.

No answer having been received to our Petition up to 1 p.m. yesterday, the future procedure to be adopted was discussed and agreed to.

The financial situation of the evacuation was discussed and certain recommendations on principle are being made to Government.

It was decided to interview the Chief Censor regarding the despatch of newspapers and periodicals to the evacuees.

A large amount of correspondence was dealt with and action is being taken in most cases.

Letters have been forwarded to the Central Bodies in Sydney and Melbourne advising them of the formation of this Committee, requesting them to forward all complaints from evacuees direct to the Hon. Secretary in Hongkong.

Copies of the Petition are now being printed and will be forwarded to all members whose names are registered with the Committee.

The next meeting will be held at 12.15 p.m. on Thursday, December 10, at the Gloucester Hotel.

Beaverbrook thanks you!

A cable from Lord Beaverbrook, Minister for Aircraft Production, to the South China Morning Post, states:

"CONSTANT IN THEIR GENEROUS SUPPORT OF THE EMPIRE'S CAUSE, THE SUBSCRIBERS TO YOUR FUND ADD, BY THEIR LATEST CONTRIBUTIONS TOWARDS THE PURCHASE OF AIRCRAFT, TO THE DEBT OF GRATITUDE THAT WE ALREADY OWE THEM."

IN THE BATTLES THAT RAGE OVER BRITAIN'S CITIES AND COUNTRYSIDE, THEY ARE RENDERING VITAL HELP, AND IN THE VICTORY THAT WILL BE OURS, THEY WILL HAVE PLAYED A NOTABLE AND HONOURED PART. WE SEND THEM ONCE AGAIN OUR WARMEST THANKS—BEAVERBROOK."

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7.0 London Relay—The News.
7.15 London Relay—Questions of the Hour.
7.30 London Relay—Liberty Hall Variety.
8.0 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.05 Studio—Concert by The Paradise Islanders.
1. Hula Blues, 2. South Sea Island Magic, 3. Hawaii Calls (from the Film), 4. The Palms of Paradise (from Film "Typhoon"), 5. My Blue Heaven, 6. Indian Love Call (from "Rose Marie"), 7. When You Dream About Hawaii, 8. I'll Never Smile Again.
8.33 Mark Weber & His Orchestra. "Cavalleria Rusticana"—Selection (Mascagni), Danube Waves—Waltz (Ivanovic), Artist's Life—Waltz (Strauss), From Mozart's Treasure Store—Fonitane (Urbach).
9.0 London Relay—The News & News Commentary.
9.30 London Relay—Talk: "To Talk of Many Things".
9.45 Dance Music by Mantovani & His Orchestra.
10.15 Variety.
Comedian—Confessions of a Cheeky Chappy...Max Miller; Two Planes—Medley, Intro: Thanks for the Memory; Two dramas got together; Don't ever change; I double dare you; Sweet as a song; Mama, I wanna make rhythm...Reginald Forsythe and Arthur Young; Sketch—Going to the Pictures...The Two Cockney Kids (Ethel Revnell and Gracie West); Organ—La Paloma (Yradier), O Sole Mio (Di Capua)...Horst Schimmelpfennig; Vocal Quintette—Daddy Wouldn't Buy Me A Bow-Wow (Tablar), Little Annie Rooney (No-lan)...The Maestros with Piano; Mouth Organ—You Can't Run Away from Love To-night, Intro: Cause my baby says it so, Night Over Shanghai (all from "The Singing Marine")...Larry Adler with Orchestra; Comedian—The Girl Next Door, How the Shoo-And-So Can I Be Happy...Max Miller.
11.00 Close Down.

Churchill Derided

He added that Mr. Winston Churchill is emulating Mr. Reynaud, the French Premier who told the French nation a few days before the collapse that France was winning.

"Churchill is also like the manager of a boxer who knows his fighter is licked, but who continues to tell him he will win," said Dr. Goebbels.

He ironically referred to England as a nation which ate butter instead of making cannon, and said, in contrast, Germany had limited butter for seven years to build up her very powerful army.

He said that Germany is at present living under unnatural economic conditions because she was forced to depend to a large extent on ersatz materials for manufacturing, when actually there are plenty of real products in other parts of the world.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

A total of \$1,482,315 was received yesterday by the War Fund inaugurated by the S. C. M. Post, Ltd., with the following donations:

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Mental Hospital Staff (24th donation)... 50
Hongkong Badminton Association... 50

Eastern Ruler Honoured

Hon. Air Commodore
LONDON, Dec. 10 (Reuter).—An Eastern ruler who is a warm supporter of the British cause has been appointed honorary Air Commodore, it is announced in the London "Gazette."

He is Emir Abdullah of Trans-Jordan who at the outbreak of war telegraphed his loyalty to King George and recently said that if Trans-Jordan were involved in the war the Arabs would rise as one man against the invader.

STOCK EXCHANGE

LONDON, Dec. 10 (Reuter).—Although sentiment was brighter on the Stock Exchange, business generally ruled quiet.

Greek and Far Eastern loans, especially Chinese loans, moved higher but Brazilians were occasionally offered.

Oils met good enquiry. Anglo-Iranians advanced from 31s. 3d. to 35s.

Several industrials strengthened while Kaffir dividend payers appreciated on local support.

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Around The Courses GAME TAKES HOLD IN MACAO

Further Improvements Are Yet Necessary

Draw For Country Club Junior Championship

(By "Birdie")

IT WAS NOT to be expected that within the short period of incubation that the new course at Macao would vie with those in Hongkong, and Colony golfers went over there on Saturday last with open minds. They had no preconceived ideas of perfect conditions and consequently were not disappointed.

Work on the course started only two months ago, and it was the initiative of the Committee of the Tennis Civil Club that gave birth to the Golf Club, which is really another section of that Club.

It is a 9-hole course situated inside the Macao Jockey Club race track—as is the Happy Valley Club. Its total length is 2,163 metres, which is about 2,380 yards. Longest hole is the Fifth, which is about 430 yards, and shortest is the Second—about 140 yards.

In the middle of the course is a pond which, is approximately 110 yards by 45, and this constitutes the main hazard, serving, as it does the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 6th holes.

Apart from improvements that can be made in the lay-out, of primary importance is the levelling of the greens. These, at the moment, are of hard grass and are anything but smooth. In the opening match on Saturday it was nothing unusual to take three or four or even five putts. But the Club has no pretensions in this respect. They are aware of the shortcomings of the course, and are ready to welcome suggestions for its improvement, for Golf has arrived to stay in Macao.

It does seem quite certain, though, that once the Club gets going and the improvements are made to the course, it is going to be a great and added attraction to the Portuguese Colony.

DRAW for the first round of the Junior Championship at the Country Club, Sheungshui, was made yesterday, and is appended below. Quite some difficulty was experienced in reaching the required number of entries, and in this not the least was the prevailing custom that past Junior Champions should not take part again. It did strike me that a number of people who have won the "Junior" have remained in the "Junior" class.

The draw is:
W. C. Hung v. C. S. Thom
H. R. Pina v. C. E. Marques
A. A. Guterres v. C. H. Basto
M. F. Pina v. C. Roza Pereira
A. R. Pina v. T. K. Chow
K. C. Lee v. W. G. Williams
A. T. Lee v. Geo. Lee
K. T. Oel v. R. E. Lee

The First Round matches are to be played this Sunday, but certain concessions are being made to those players who, through Volunteer duties are unable to attend this week-end.

I read an article the other day in a Singapore paper that should be of interest to golfers if only academically. The secret

Twelve Teams Entered For Senior Shield

DRAW for the First Round of the Senior and Junior Shield football competitions will be made this evening at the monthly meeting of the Hongkong Football Association.

Twelve teams have entered for the Senior Shield, and twenty-two for the Junior. These are:
SENIOR SHIELD—Club, Kowloon, St. Joseph's, Police, Middlesex, Royal Scots, Navy, South China, Eastern, Sing Tao (2), Engineers, International, 12th R.A., Kit Chee, Ordnance, Signals, 30th R.A., Service Corps, Medicals, 24th R.A. and 30th R.A.

—as it is called—was discovered through research by an American doctor.

He found that between the 11th and 15th holes of a singles match, and between the 9th and 15th holes of a foursomes, the amount of sugar in the blood was below fasting level, and this sugar decrease caused fatigue with its consequent loss of accuracy and concentration. This cooling medicine tried his solution out on 30 healthy golfers and found that it worked.

His solution was that eating a more "ketogenic" lunch (whatever that is) or eating sweets or toffees about the eighth hole overcame the lassitude.

All I have found during a round of golf, and that during the summer, was that near the 5th and 14th one raised a thirst that even Kipling could not have known.

THREE first-round matches for the Ladies Cup (for handicaps) were played last week-end. In these Mrs. F. E. D'Almada Remedios easily beat Mrs. K. T. Oel, and Miss M. C. Churn beat Miss E. Heang on the last putt. The third game between Miss M. B. Churn and Mrs. A. G. Botelho ended all square and in the darkness.

QUALIFIERS for the Captain's Cup competition were W. C. Hung, 70, and A. A. Guterres 82. First round matches in this competition will be played on January 12.



The annual Societies lawn bowls match in progress at the Kowloon Bowling Green Club last Saturday. St. Andrew's Society beat St. George's by 57 shots.—Ming Yuen.

Billiards

Enjoyable Contests At Y. M. C. A.

The "Billiards Evening" sponsored by the European Y.M.C.A. and organised by Mr. C. Terrans yesterday proved a great success. Novelty contests were held during the evening, one of which was the playing of a game with a plate on the table. Scores to court were those made without touching the plate. Mr. T. Huber was the winner.

A novelty break competition was won by Mr. W. E. Moreland, while in the exhibition match which concluded the evening's entertainment, Mr. M. N. Rakusen beat Mr. A. P. Pereira 250-205.

Footballers Coping With Air Raid Alarms

FOOTBALL LEAGUE clubs may soon have their own air-raid spotters. Stadium stewards will be perched on grandstand roofs, searching the sky so matches may carry through an alert without crowd-killing interruptions, unless real danger is over-head.

Play will be disrupted for moments only while fans are marshalled into safe positions.

After backstage debate it was officially announced that football authorities may shortly seek amendment of the regulation that orders suspension of games until the "raiders passed" signal sounds.

"JIM CROWS"

CLUBS are so keen on the idea that some have already laid plans for recruiting the most reliable ground stewards as probable "Jim Crows," and sending them to official centres to take courses in roof spotting.

Another big point weighing with the soccer bosses is that the often avoidable interruptions are making it difficult for service and war-working players to get through and back to their units and depots at the proper time.

C. C. C. Cricket Teams

In their cricket match against Kowloon C.C. on Saturday, the Craigengower C.C. will be represented by: G. Souza (Capt.), A. M. Omar, J. W. Leonard, D. J. Billimoria, A. J. Hulbe, A. Lee, E. Hanson, B. J. France, W. Hoang Sing, J. Youngs, A. H. Esmail, Reserves: S. Leonard, G. M. Omar and U. H. Esmail.

ON SUNDAY
On Sunday, the Craigengower C.C. will play the Royal Engineers at Soekunpo, and the following have been chosen to represent them: A. J. Billimoria, A. D. Esmail, U. H. Esmail, T. Edgar, H. L. Forman, A. J. Hulbe, C. W. Lam, E. Mitchell, L. Youngs, B. J. France, and J. G. S. Ladd.

Reported Fitting Out Of Nazi Raider

The Shanghai press reports that the German liner Scharnhorst (18,104 tons), which took refuge at Kobe at the beginning of the war, is being fitted out as an armed raider.

Several large guns are said to have been mounted, and her lines have been changed. British naval authorities are non-committal, saying that similar reports have been circulated previously.

Athletic Records Topple In Russia

MOSCOW, Nov.—The annual Voroshilov Cross-Country Race marked the close of the summer athletic season. The race demonstrates how widespread athletics have become in the Soviet Union. Eleven years ago only 126 persons started in this race. This year 45,000 persons participated in Moscow alone, the total throughout the U.S.S.R. being well over 100,000.

The winner of the race, Vanin, of the Red Army, covered the distance of 10 kilometres in 31 min. 24 sec., beating last year's record by 17 sec.

THIRTY-NINE RECORDS

DURING the summer, Soviet athletes established 39 new All-Union records in running, jumping, discus throwing, etc.

European records were established this season in pole vaulting (Osolin 4.25 metres, and Bayevsky, 4.23 metres) and in the long jump—Danilenko, 7.46 metres.

Having improved his record in the five kilometre race, S. Znamensky now ranks among the 10 best runners of the world. Stapanchouk the hurdle racer, now ranks second in Europe, his result being 14.0 sec.

WOMEN CHAMPIONS

THE women athletes, Sechenova and Kossareva, achieved good results over 100 metres (12.3 sec.).

A new All-Union record in the 100 metre race, 10.6 sec., has been established.

Cyclists established 19 new records, motorcyclists nine records, and automobile drivers another three records.

WORLD AQUATIC RECORD

FORTY-SIX swimming records of the U.S.S.R. were improved upon during the past summer.

S. Bolchenko established a new world record, covering 200 metres in breast-stroke style in 2 min. 37.7 sec. Soviet swimmers also established a world record in free style relay race over 4x100 metres—3 min. 57 sec.

Ushakov swam 100 metres in crawl style in 57.5 sec. This speed has not been achieved anywhere in the world during the past few years.

Weightlifters set two new records, also improving a number of their own previous records.

OTHER EVENTS

CONTESTS for the championship of the U.S.S.R. were held for rowing (won by Moscow), tennis (won by Hebd—Lvov), boxing, wrestling, gymnastics, basketball, etc. Soviet football teams, playing against a Bulgarian eleven, won four games, a fifth game ending in a draw.

All-Union competitions in "Gorodki" (a popular Russian game) were held, as also were several regattas and naval rowing contests on the Black Sea.

The mountain climbing season is also drawing to a close, and several records have already been established.

P. T. COMPETITION ARRANGED FOR LOCAL SCHOOLS

A Physical Training Competition for local Vernacular Schools has been arranged by the Education Department to take place as follows: Kowloon Schools—Thursday, Dec. 18 at 9 a.m. on the Kowloon Football Club ground.

Hongkong Schools—Friday, Dec. 20 at 9 a.m. on the Hongkong Football Club ground.

The final will be held also on Friday morning at 11.30 a.m., after which His Excellency the Acting Governor will distribute the prizes.

Fanling Golf

First And Second Round Matches For Captain's Cup

Following is the draw for the Royal Hongkong Golf Club's Captain's Cup competition, with the handicaps of players in brackets:

First round: A. J. Dennis (10) v. S. L. Lloyd (10); K. B. Robertson (6) v. G. Thompson (20); A. B. Purves (10) v. H. A. Mills (17).
Second round: M. L. Reidy (17) v. T. Megarry (9); A. W. Bourne (9) v. W. S. Hillier (10); W. C. Shewan (6) v. T. Taylor (12); J. W. Clague (10) v. F. A. Howard (17); A. H. McBride (12) v. H. Overy (19); G. M. Park (17) v. C. Young (19); J. Linaker (18) to play the winner of the Dennis-Lloyd match.

The first round is to be played on or before December 22, the second round on or before January 19, the third on or before February 9, the semi-final on or before March 2 and the final on or before March 16. The first-named in each match is the challenger and is responsible for arranging dates.

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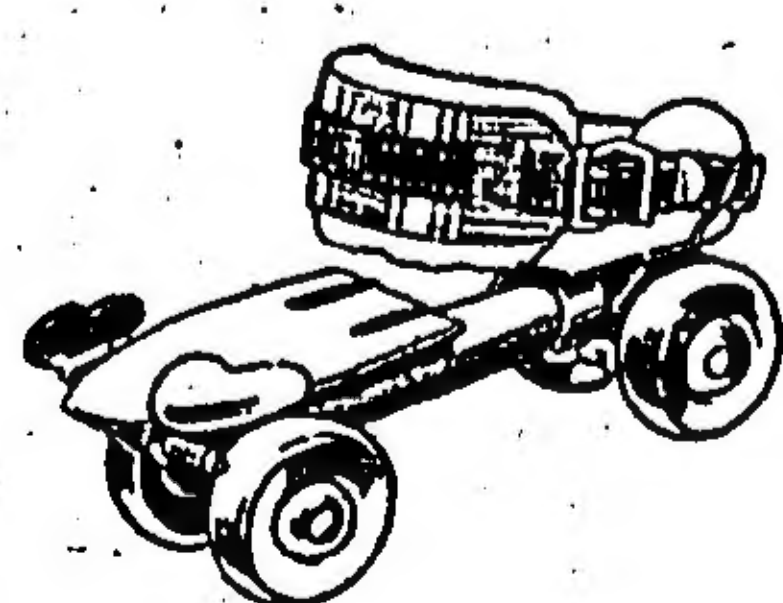
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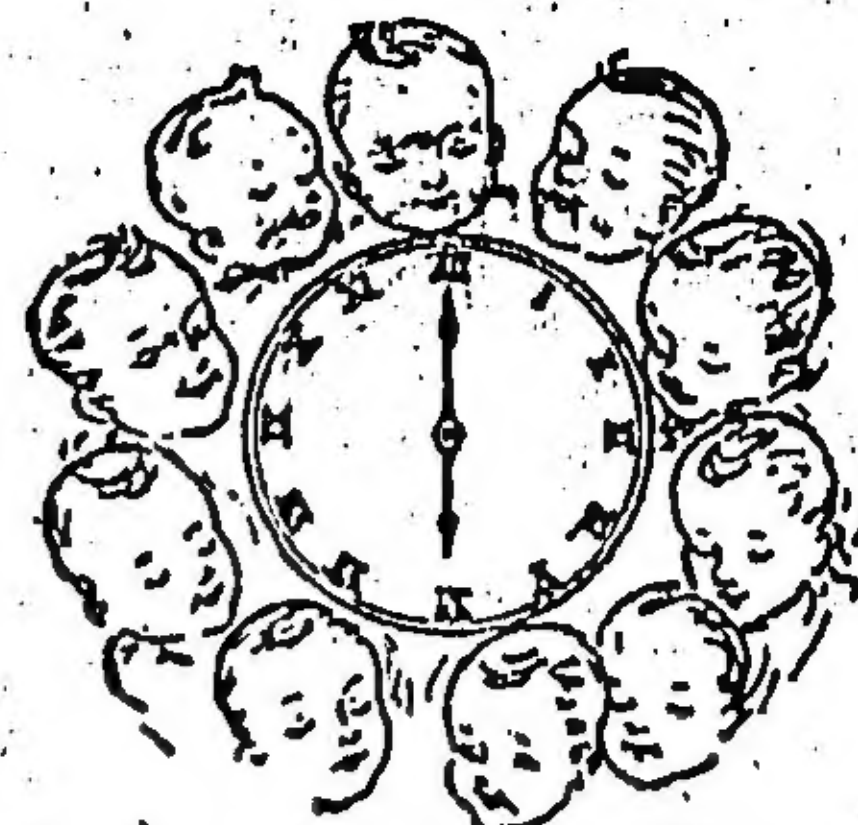
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Disaster Facing The Italians In Desert

LONDON, Dec. 10 (Reuter).—Late news from Cairo suggests that the moment for striking another blow against the Italians—this time Libya—has not been missed. A heavy stroke has already been delivered against General Graziani's forces which he had rashly pushed forward to Sidi Barrani.

Italian Generals have been captured or killed, over 4,000 prisoners have been taken and many tanks captured. This is an encouraging beginning.

It is early yet to gauge what the final result of these operations will be. The Italians may be driven back along lines of retreat, and though they will be badly mauled, their main force around Sidi Barrani may escape.

It is, however, possible that disaster of a considerable magnitude will be inflicted on the enemy. A turning movement along the Libyan plateau down the escarpment on to the road between Sollum and Sidi Barrani may develop.

This is not the only encircling movement that may be initiated with the object of totally destroying the Italians. Britain commands the sea and a naval attack escorting landing forces may possibly strike still further to the Italian rear towards Tobruk.

Grand Scale Operations

The scope of such operations is admittedly on a grand scale. It would involve some extra effort and risk. But the moment is propitious; the enemy's morale is undoubtedly severely shaken and may give way altogether quite easily.

It is to be noted with satisfaction that General Wavell and Sir Maitland Wilson have called on every weapon at our command to play a part in the defeat of the enemy, for both the navy and air force have been active and have made their power felt.

It remains to be seen whether the British can press the Italians back into Libya; whether, indeed, we can drive them out of the country altogether.

The Arabs may well rise and make harassing attacks on isolated Italian columns, parties and even their civilian colonists.

On the other side of the Mediterranean, in Albania—prospects look equally bright. The Greeks are still pressing on despite terrible winter weather. Such weather is as destructive to a retreating army as it is a cause of delay to an advancing army.

Naval Co-Operation

The Italians in Albania are in a most dangerous position. We can spare enough ships from operations on the Libyan coast to send a naval squadron to Valona and such a stroke would be decisive. A naval attack on this port would cut off the retreat of half the Italian army and would prevent further reinforcements from reaching them. The fleet need have no fears in accepting such a challenge.

Mussolini and his Fascist empire are rocking. Can the British forces push it over now? It is possible.

East African Operations

LONDON, Dec. 10 (Reuter).—Aircraft of the Rhodesian Squadron attacked a German position in the north-east of Kassala causing considerable damage. Other aircraft of the same Squadron raided enemy troops and motor transport concentrations at Khoratit on the Chown Condor Road, south-east of Melema, causing many casualties to enemy troops and considerable damage to motor transport.

Carnarvon Castle Sails Again

MONTEVIDEO, Dec. 10 (Reuter).—The Carnarvon Castle sailed at 8.15 p.m. G.M.T., all repairs having been completed.

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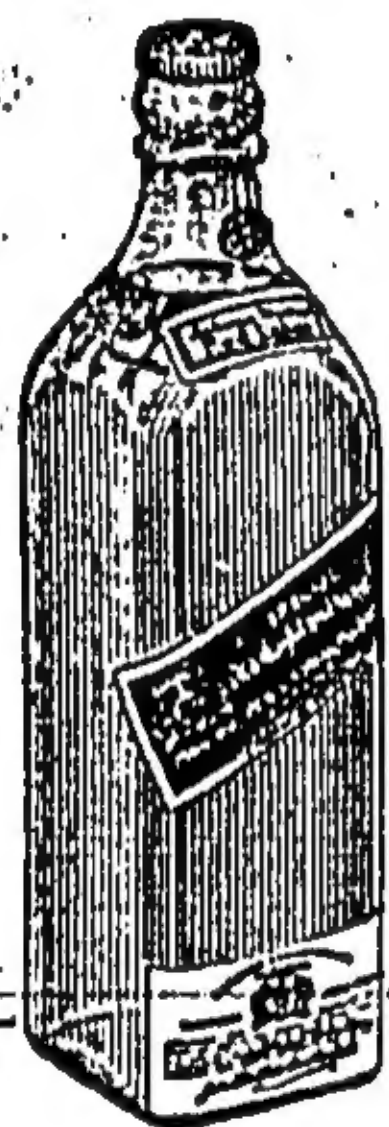
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Improvement In Aerial Photography aids R.A.F.

LONDON, Dec. 10 (Reuter).—A major British triumph in wartime aerial photography whereby Germany is successfully spied upon from the sub-stratosphere, was announced in London to-day by a senior officer of the R.A.F. Directorship of Photography.

Furthermore, this officer remarked, "We are well ahead of the Germans. I don't just think so; I know."

Cameras captured from German aeroplanes have convinced this department that Britain has nothing to learn from German manufacturers even from the producers of the famous Zeiss lenses. The German cameras are regarded as big and clumsy compared with the neat compact British units; the German lenses are definitely inferior and the results obtained are not so good.

It is also stated that the R.A.F. is "steering ahead" of the Luftwaffe in the important manner of mounting these cameras to stand the severe strain of operational flights.

Two of the largest photographic firms in Britain are co-operating with the Air Ministry in helping the R.A.F. to maintain their lead. Perfection of aerial photograph at night is being actively pursued. The R.A.F. have what they consider a first-class flash-bomb already in use so that although the release of the American type in this country is welcome, it should not be considered unique.

Effects of Altitude

The necessary development affected, inter alia, the size of the camera, the length of the focus, the freezing of parts at high altitudes and condensation obscuring the sight of the lenses. These difficulties have been overcome more skilfully by the R.A.F. than by the Luftwaffe.

Pictures From 5 Miles

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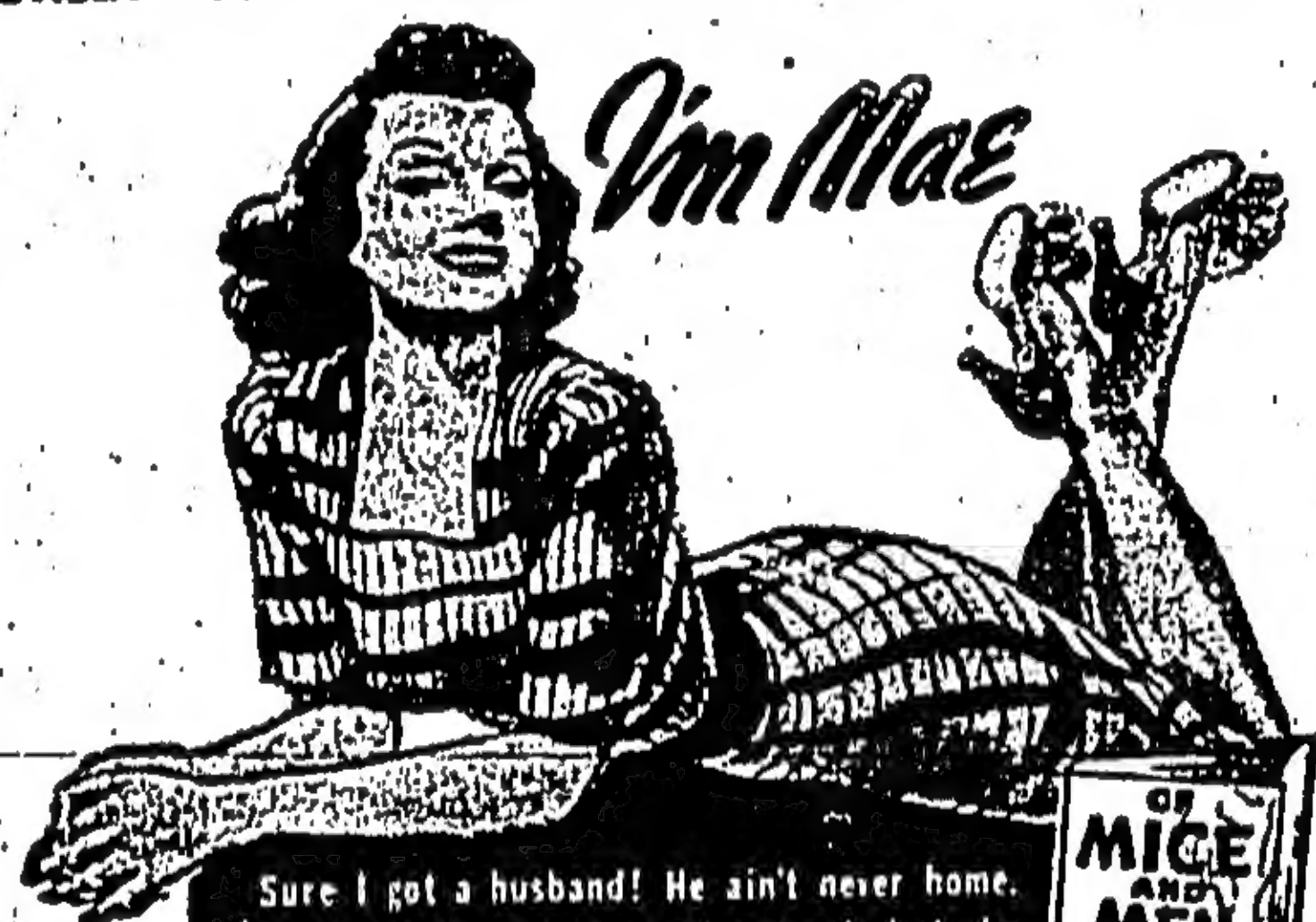


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BRITISH FORCES SCORE HEAVILY

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divisions in this area and presumably these divisions are being engaged at the moment.

Right Flank Attack
LONDON, Dec. 10 (UP).—It appears that a desert attack is developing on the right flank with the apparent object of driving the British back to the sea where the British navy will make the position hopeless. It is estimated that the front occupied by the Italians is about 30 miles wide.

It is believed that the prisoners taken yesterday were mostly Libyans.

British Navy Active
CAIRO, Dec. 10 (UP).—A naval communiqué issued to-day states during the night of December 3-9 British naval units bombarded Matruh Camp and Sidi Barrani in the support of army operations.

Few Italians Hold Out
CAIRO, Dec. 10 (UP).—A spokesman of the General Headquarters to-day said a few pockets in the Italian lines are holding out here and there in the Western Desert but "probably it won't take long to wipe them out."

"Although there is not much I can say at the present stage, I can guarantee that everything is going according to plan. The scope of the operations and how far they might develop is still indefinite, but the fact is that so far the military authorities are very satisfied," the spokesman said.

Italian Casualties
ROME, Dec. 10 (UP).—During the month of November Italian naval casualties on all fronts totalled 89 killed, 182 wounded and 130 missing, according to to-day's official Rome communiqué.

During the same period casualties in North Africa totalled 42 killed, 107 wounded and ten missing.

In East Africa the casualties were 26 killed, 70 wounded and seven missing.

Casualties among native troops totalled 59 killed, 33 wounded and four missing.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary, issued yesterday says: With the volume greatly increased to-day dealings were registered in practically all the leading counters, Banks, Trams, Realities and Cements reaching new higher levels. Four more Gold issues are reporting the following dividends.

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H.K. Banks \$1,340
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Docks "O" \$17.75
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Providents \$5.50
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Electric "O" \$39.80
Electric "N" \$39
Telephones "O" \$25.25
Telephones "N" \$10.20
Cements \$18.50
Dairy Farms \$18.75
Watsons \$10.50
Entertainments \$8.80
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Docks "O" \$18
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H.K. Banks \$1,350
Docks "O" \$17.95
Docks "N" \$17.25
Providents \$5.55
Hotels \$3.50
Realities \$3.80
Trams \$17.55/17.50
Lights "O" C.D. \$7.35
Lights "N" C.D. \$7.10
Electric \$40
Cements \$18.75/18.50
Watsons \$10.50/60

LONDON, Dec. 10 (Reuter).—The House of Commons will hold a secret debate about shipping in the near future.

LATE NEWS

Additional Rice Control Prices

The Food Controller, Mr. G. S. Kennedy-Skipiton, this afternoon issued another list of controlled prices for retail and wholesale rice of Hongkong.

There were no variations in the retail prices published last Thursday, but prices for two further grades have been added. As from yesterday, the small No. 1 broken grade may be sold at 11 cents a catty or 53 cents for five catties, while the small No. 2 broken grade is priced at nine cents a catty and 44 cents for five catties.

H.E. AT PRIZE GIVING

Addresses Scholars
His Excellency the Acting Governor, Lieut.-General E. F. Norton attended the annual prize distribution at King's College this morning, and in the course of the proceedings addressed the gathering.

The Governor's Speech

His Excellency, addressing the scholars said:

First let me begin by saying that I consider the report we have just heard to be a very satisfactory one.

Mr. Wallington has held the office of Principal for under two years and during the last year, owing to war conditions, he has had considerable difficulties to overcome. Several reasons contribute to make me believe that he has every reason to be pleased with the success of his administration during a difficult period.

First the examination results are above the average and are distinctly better than last year. The primary object of schools is to teach and the most immediate and obvious test of the standard of teaching of a school is found in the results of open examinations. Here then I think it is safe to say that all is well with the School.

Second, the School has put up a good record at games—a better record than for some years, and here the general upward trend of the standard in which they are competing must not be forgotten. This cult of games and healthy open-air exercises is a big factor in young China to-day and one which is conspicuously in evidence in Hongkong.

Admirable Spirit

Third I am struck with the admirable spirit which must actuate the seniors who have devoted so much time out of their well-earned holidays to the voluntary instruction of their poorer compatriots. The performance of boys in Classes I and II in this direction during the last summer holidays was a really fine bit of work, and I should like to congratulate the boys concerned, who spontaneously organised and carried it out.

Here then are the grounds for my satisfaction with the year's work of the School. The inference is that the School has made good mentally, physically and morally, and there can be very little wrong with it if these three aspects of its life are so flourishing.

Good Staff Work

In congratulating Mr. Wallington on these results I do not forget the share of the credit which is due to his staff. They have achieved what we should all hope to achieve in war, when a very special extra effort is required from all of us; they have carried out their own task most satisfactorily and in addition have done their duty in shouldering their share of the volunteer activities for the defence of the Colony in an emergency.

I must refer to one point in Mr. Wallington's report, to wit, the Scout Troop. Scout organisation is going to have an outstanding opportunity of playing its part in the very best type of Scout work for the good of the community. It would be a pity if King's College, which has showed already so excellent a spirit in voluntary work, should not play its full part here. It is to do so it will be necessary to expand the present strength of its Scout Troop and for this purpose it seems necessary to organise a supply of more Scouters to train it.

Now I want to express my great appreciation of the generosity of Mr. Li P. chun, who, as you have heard, has provided no less than ten new scholarships to the School. This is indeed a wise and public-spirited act of generosity, and one of which the donor may well be proud.

Finally I will conclude this brief address with an item which seldom fails to go with a swing in any school in any part of the world, and that is to request Mr. Wallington to grant the School a holiday to celebrate this occasion as a mark of my satisfaction of an excellent year's work by the whole team, Principal, staff and boys.

Gestapo Introduced Into Indo-China

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China native uprisings are in progress. The Government accuses them of being displays by Communists, but there is evidence to show that they are carried out by Nationalists, inspired by the Japanese.

Worst Since 1930

First outbreak in the south came one night when a group of uprisers tried to free a dozen people who had been recently jailed. Police repulsed this attack, but there were simultaneous attacks throughout Cochinchina and even in Cambodia. Since then, killings, kidnappings, burnings and so on have become common place with several thousands of natives participating.

French military aviators have used aerial bombs against them, and according to absolutely reliable reports, French troops have literally shot hundreds of the rebels into the air. In fact that uprisings are the greatest and most widespread since the 1930 revolt.

There is evidence that a large Wang Ching-wei element is filtering into the country, most of them travelling by Japanese planes. They are endeavouring to convert the country into pro-Japanese territory and to make them supporters of the Wang peace movement in China.

R.A.F.'S PART IN OFFENSIVE

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great damage to enemy communications and inflicted many casualties on enemy personnel by dive machine-gun attacks.

Later reconnaissance flights reported large fires west of Budbug, and in other roads enemy motor transports were burning on the road, causing dislocation of enemy troop movements.

During these intensive air operations which were continuous from dawn to dusk, only three of our aircraft failed to return to their bases, but of their pilots, two are safe within our own territory.

Italian Forces Attacked

CAIRO, Dec. 10 (Reuter).—Many tons of bombs were dropped by British planes, which varied their tactics by diving low and carrying out machine gun attacks on enemy troops. The R.A.F. onslaughts in support of the British drive undoubtedly accounts for the absence of Italian raids on Alexandria during the recent moonlight nights.

Evidently the Italians needed every available aircraft to meet the R.A.F. attacks. The British have been behind the lines in the present action against Graziani's army, the bulk of which appears to be stationed in the region around Sollum where the frontiers of Egypt and Libya meet.

All branches of British forces in the Middle East, extending 400 miles into the desert from G.H.Q. at Cairo are perfectly co-ordinated.

Italians Said To Be Evacuating

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north front. Several railways were found full of Italian dead, and vast quantities of war materials were captured.

Retreat Cut Off

STRUGA, Dec. 10 (UP).—Frontier reports say the Italian troops which are retreating northward from Sante Quaranti are embarking for Valona from Palermo because of the rebel activities around the village of Himara which practically makes it impossible to retreat via the main road.

The Greeks are operating northward from Argiro-Castion and are now also advancing along the secondary road, apparently aiming to out-flank the town of Tepelini from the southwest.

In the Premeti sector, Greeks from the Dangle mountains this morning occupied the village of Turari, five miles northeast of Kilauro after strong Italian resistance. Three Italian officers and 37 soldiers were killed and 70 wounded, while the Greeks lost one officer and 23 soldiers killed and 60 wounded.

The Greek troops who are filtering into the Mali Spati mountains between the Devoli and Skumbi rivers, have reached a point ten miles south-east of El Ezen as the crow flies, forcing the Italians to retreat after a hard hand-to-hand battle. Five Greek officers and 70 soldiers were killed and 150 wounded. The Italian losses were much higher. Two Italian officers, 130 soldiers, one field gun, and seven machineguns were captured.

Greek Drive Continues

POGRADETZ, Dec. 10 (UP).—The Greek drive to-day was concentrated against the approach of a deep valley against the approach of a deep valley to the northward of Pogradetz in which the Italians have dug in with strong positions along the Mokra heights above Lake Ochrid. The last isolated Italian units in the Pogradetz sector have been mopped up.

R.A.F. Over Albania

ATHENS, Dec. 10 (UP).—An R.A.F. communiqué states that despite bad weather yesterday, British planes bombed the south jetty and buildings near the harbour of Valona.

U.S. Control Of Iron May Affect Japan

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Ingots and slabs was over \$6,000,000 against about \$2,000,000 last year. Rods were nearly \$3,000,000 against only \$80,000 and steel sheets were nearly \$1,000,000 against only \$31,000. Tin plate was over \$1,000,000 against \$165,000.

A Whitehouse statement said that the licences will be granted to the British Empire and Western Hemisphere "and for the present, so far as the interests of national defence permit, for exports to other destinations in quantities of approximately the usual or pre-war exports."

COAST PORTS SET ABLAZE

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Channel ports last night were still blazing fiercely to-day.

This morning the haze over the Channel still glowed red, but later in the day great flames and columns of smoke rising from the French coast made a spectacular sight.

The fires appeared to be worst in and around Calais.

Neck Chain Snatched

While Mrs. L. C. Hangston of No. 203, Wanchai Road, was walking along Tin Lok Lane yesterday afternoon, a Chinese man snatched the gold chain she was wearing round her neck and ran off before help could be summoned. The chain was valued at \$45.

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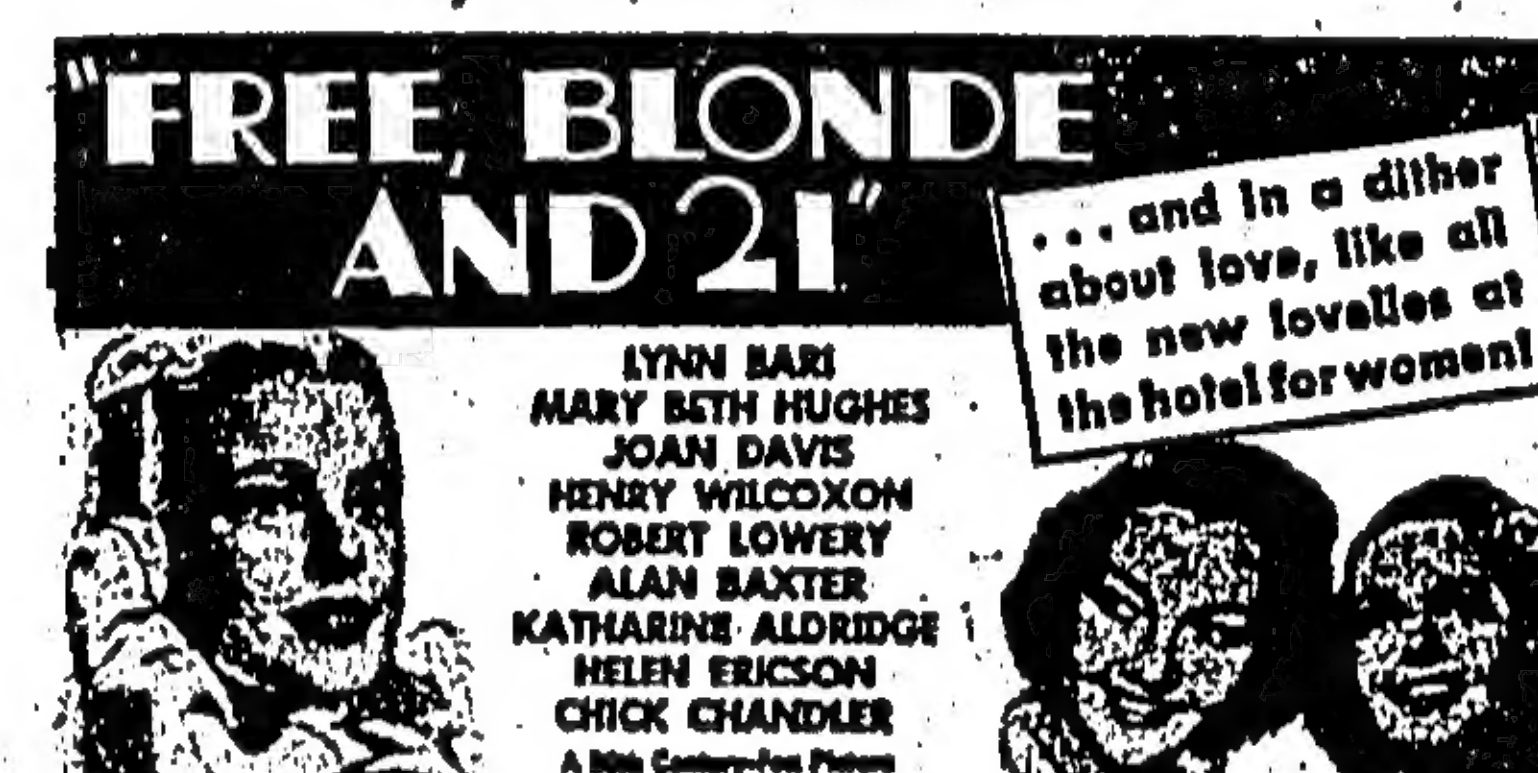


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Death Of American After Police Raid

Shanghai, Dec. 10.

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The Police said he was intoxicated and became unconscious in the patrol wagon on his way to the Police Station. It is not known whether he died at the Police Station or on his way to hospital in the police ambulance. Autopsy finding has not yet been announced.

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ITALIAN DIVISIONS REPORTED TO BE CUT OFF IN THE DESERT

CAIRO, DEC. 10 (REUTER).—BRITISH ARMoured UNITS OPERATING IN THE REAR OF SIDI BARRANI ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE CUT OFF PART OF TWO ITALIAN DIVISIONS.

FIGHTING CONTINUED TO-DAY ALONG A 30-MILE FRONT FORMING THE RIGHT FLANK OF TWO ENEMY DIVISIONS OCCUPYING THE SIDI BARRANI AREA.

During the night of December 8, naval units successfully bombarded Maktila Camp and Sidi Barrani in support of the operations, states a British naval communique.

It is stated that the British armoured units gained a success within 36 hours of launching their surprise attack at dawn on Monday and they have reached the coast between Sidi Barrani and Bugbug.

British aircraft ceaselessly hammered Italian communications to check reinforcements.

Operations in the Western Desert are successfully continuing states a G.H.K. communique. Prisoners so far captured are reported to exceed 4,000 and a number of medium tanks.

In the Gallabat area, patrolling activity supported by our artillery fire continues.

BRITISH TROOPS DRIVE IN WEDGE

CAIRO, Dec. 10 (Reuter).—In their swift thrust to the coast British troops have driven a wedge between the Libyan forces holding Sidi Barrani and divisions supporting them further west.

The area occupied by the enemy roughly forms an equilateral triangle, the points of which are Sidi Barrani and the Italian camps at Maktila, 15 miles west along the coast, and Nibelwa, 15 miles due south of Sidi Barrani.

The Nibelwa camp was the position captured by the British early yesterday morning when 500 prisoners were taken.

While the Royal Navy bombarded one side of the triangle, armoured units supported by infantry attacked the other two sides. Acting in close co-operation, the R.A.F. ranged continuously over the whole area bombing Italian posts and destroying mechanized transport and breaking up troop formations.

Considerable Success

LONDON, Dec. 10 (Reuter).—Italian troops in Egypt are occupying an area extending from Sollum to Sidi Barrani bounded on the north by the sea and extending from 20 to 25 miles to the south, it is stated in authoritative military circles in London to-day.

Inside this quadrilateral, the Italians are holding a number of perimeter camps which are strongly defended and fortified and are provided with anti-tank and A.A. guns. It appears that the British forces have so far attacked two of these camps with considerable success. It cannot at the moment be said for certain that the Italians have been entirely driven from these camps but what undoubtedly is true is that the British forces are in them or at least part of them.

It is probable that these camps are mainly occupied by native troops. It is known that there are two Libyan divisions in this area and presumably these divisions are being engaged at the moment.

Right Flank Attack
LONDON, Dec. 10 (UP).—It appears that a desert attack is developing on the right flank with the apparent object of driving the Italians back to the sea where the British TURN to Back Page, Column 3

Eastern Ruler Honoured

Hon. Air Commodore
LONDON, Dec. 10 (Reuter).—An Eastern ruler who is a warm supporter of the British cause has been appointed honorary Air Commodore. It is announced in the London "Gazette".
He is Emir Abdullah of Trans-Jordan who at the outbreak of war telegraphed his loyalty to King George and, recently, said that if Trans-Jordan were involved in the war the Arabs would rise as one man against the invaders.

A.A. GUNNERS ACHIEVEMENTS

LONDON, Dec. 10 (Reuter).—Some achievements of Britain's anti-aircraft defences are revealed by the War Office announcing awards of the D.M.S. to Lt.-Col. Norman Vause Sadler, commander of the anti-aircraft defences at Dover and East Kent, which have shot down 90 enemy planes during the last five months; and the Military Cross to 2nd-Lt. Patrick Valon Bennett, whose heavy anti-aircraft section of the Royal Artillery brought down 12 enemy planes during the last four months.

LONDON, Dec. 10 (Reuter).—The House of Commons will hold a secret debate about shipping in the near future.

R.A.F.'s Part In Offensive

CAIRO, Dec. 10 (Reuter).—Detailed reports now received are showing the part played by the R.A.F. in supporting the military offensive in the Western Desert.

On Monday, every enemy aerodrome from Derna to Sidi Barrani was heavily raided by British bombers, causing great damage.

In addition, our fighters and bombers continuously attacked enemy troop concentrations and motor transport over the whole operational area.

Italians Lose Heavily

Twenty-two enemy aircraft were reported shot down or destroyed—18 confirmed and four unconfirmed. One squadron accounted for eleven of these, four of which were seen burning on the ground at the same time.

Another fighter squadron caused

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Britain Cannot Lose War, Says Greenwood

LONDON, Dec. 10 (Reuter).—"Britain cannot lose the war unless we are guilty of wavering on the road to victory," said Mr. Arthur Greenwood, Minister without Portfolio, speaking in London to-day.

"I do not say that victory is around the corner but I do say unhesitatingly that Germany cannot win," he went on. "Our naval power to-day is relatively greater than at any other period of the war. Our air strength grows day by day. Our new armies are steadily growing in numbers and equipment, efficiency and striking power."

"Our industrial power in war production continues to expand. The moral power of our people has never been higher than it is to-day after the most severe testing to which any nation has ever been subjected. "Our enemies are puzzled and angered that the people whom they have been led to believe were decadent and devoid of vigorous qualities, should when attacked by the so-called dynamic young nations, have been able not only to withstand successfully a savage and unbridled terrorism far beyond what has sufficed to bring other nations rapidly to their knees, but at the same time to counter with hard, shrewd and staggering blows that inflict a great and growing injury to our foes."

WE HAVE WON, SAYS GOEBBELS

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".
BERLIN, Dec. 10 (UP).—At a reception to foreign correspondents from Paris at the Propaganda Ministry this afternoon, Herr Goebbels stated that he believed the war would end within a reasonably short time, with a "great lightning offensive against Britain, far surpassing anything yet flung against the Islands."

Goebbels said: "The fact is, we have already won the war and are therefore concentrating on the future new order in Europe and the economic and cultural relations with the rest of the world, especially the Americans."

The German Propaganda Minister likened the English Channel to the Maginot Line which was taken with little difficulty after it had been circumvented.

Churchill Derided
He added that Mr. Winston Churchill is emulating M. Reynaud, the French Premier who told the French nation a few days before the collapse that France was winning.



JAPAN AND AMERICA

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".
HONOLULU, Dec. 10 (UP).—There is no reason for Japan and America to fight, but if the United States send only one war-ship to Singapore "the Japanese people will become excited and the two countries will be at war."

This was the opinion expressed by Mr. Hatsuaro Haraguchi, retired member of the Japanese Diet and Tourist Industry Board, who arrived on board the Yawata Maru en route to San Francisco to-day.

PEIPING KILLER A JAPANESE

PEIPING, Dec. 10 (Reuter).—According to unconfirmed but persistent rumours among both Chinese and Japanese circles, the murderer of the Japanese colonel on November 29 has been arrested on the information of a Chinese rickshaw man.

The alleged assassin turns out to be a Japanese national who had donned a Chinese dress for the occasion.

The reason for the murder is said to be a quarrel among the Japanese.

Britain Watchful Of "Quisling" Internees

LONDON, Dec. 10 (Reuter).—Under their powers the Home Office had not dealt with enemy aliens and other internees improperly or spitefully, declared Mr. Herbert Morrison, Home Secretary, replying to a debate in the House of Commons.

They had seen what had happened to Holland, Belgium and Norway and "we knew we had our own Quislings in this country ready to play their part."

"The lesson of Nazi Germany is that republicans and politicians at one time respected very fully those principles which are now being repudiated. The result was that Hitler in republican Germany was dealt with under a very gentle law. He was

PREPAREDNESS IN BRITAIN

Hitler may have given up his ideas of attempting to invade Britain, but the British army is taking no chances, and everywhere mobile guns and tanks are assembled to resist any attack. This striking picture, taken as the sun filtered through a heavy cloud, shows a 6-in. howitzer battery travelling along a country lane to take up a strategic position.

Italian Retreat Becomes A Rout: Greek Artillery Takes Heavy Toll

Special to the "Telegraph"

ARGYRO-CASTRON, Dec. 10 (UP).—It is reported that the Italian retreat in the direction of Himara became a rout when part of the Greek troops, moving northward from Argyro-Castron, branched off and proceeded toward the sea across the mountains, while another part drove up the Drinos valley.

Italians Annihilated

LONDON, Dec. 10 (UP).—The London "Exchange Telegraph's" correspondent with the Greek army reports that Greek mountain artillery yesterday completely annihilated a strong enemy column which was defending fortified positions on the north front. Several ravines were found full of Italian dead, and vast quantities of war materials were captured.

Retreat Cut Off

STRUGA, Dec. 10 (UP).—Frontier reports say the Italian troops which are retreating northward from Sante Quaranti are embarking for Valona from Fiermo because of the rebel activities around the village of Himara which practically makes it impossible to retreat via the main road.

The Greeks are operating northward from Argyro-Castron and are now also advancing along the secondary road, apparently aiming to cut-flank the town of Tepelini from the southwest.

In the "Prinet" sector, Greeks from the "Dangid" mountains this morning occupied the village of Turari, five miles northeast of Kilaure after strong Italian resistance. Three Italian officers and 37 soldiers were killed and 70 wounded, while the Greeks lost one officer and 23 soldiers killed and 60 wounded.

The Greek troops who are filtering into the Mali Spati mountains between the Devoli and Skumbi rivers, have reached a point ten miles south-east of El Bassan as the crow flies, forcing the Italians to retreat after a hard hand-to-hand battle. Five Greek officers and 70 soldiers were killed and 150 wounded. The Italian losses were much higher. Two Italian officers, 130 soldiers, one field gun, and seven machineguns were captured.

Coast Ports Set Ablaze

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".
LONDON, Dec. 10 (UP).—The Air Ministry announced that the R.A.F. last night re-bombed Lorient where they have been repeatedly hammering at the U-boat base.

They also bombed an aircraft factory at Bremen and the docks at Boulogne.

One enemy fighter was shot down. One British bomber is missing.

Fires Still Visible

DOVER, Dec. 10 (UP).—Fires were started by the R.A.F. last night at the French invasion ports particularly at Calais and are still visible from the English coast to-day.

Blazing Fiercely

LONDON, Dec. 10 (Reuter).—Fires started by the R.A.F. in French TURIN to Back Page, Column 3

Evacuation Still Awaits Reply

The following communique was issued by the Hon. Secretary, Mr. F. C. Clemo, after the meeting of the Husbands' Evacuation Committee held at the Peninsula Hotel last night.

No answer having been received to our Petition up to 1 p.m. yesterday, the future procedure to be adopted was discussed and agreed to.

The financial situation of the evacuation was discussed and certain recommendations on principle are being made to Government.

It was decided to interview the Chief Censor regarding the despatch of newspapers and periodicals to the evacuees.

A large amount of correspondence was dealt with and action is being taken in most cases.

Britain's Resources Revealed

To United States
WASHINGTON, Dec. 10 (Reuter).—High officials of the United States defence and fiscal departments have been summoned to the Treasury to meet Mr. Henry Morgenthau, Secretary of the Treasury.

He will tell them facts concerning Britain's financial resources which have been given by Sir Frederick Phillips, Under-Secretary of the British Treasury.

It is understood that at a conversation lasting two hours at Mr. Morgenthau's home on Monday, Sir Frederick presented a balanced statement of Britain's resources and costs of supply.

Few Nazi Raiders Pierce Defences

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".
LONDON, Dec. 10 (UP).—The Air Ministry and the Ministry of Home Security announced: "A few enemy aircraft approached our coasts singly during the day, of which some penetrated into East Kent. Reports already received indicate that only two bombs were dropped causing little damage and no casualties."

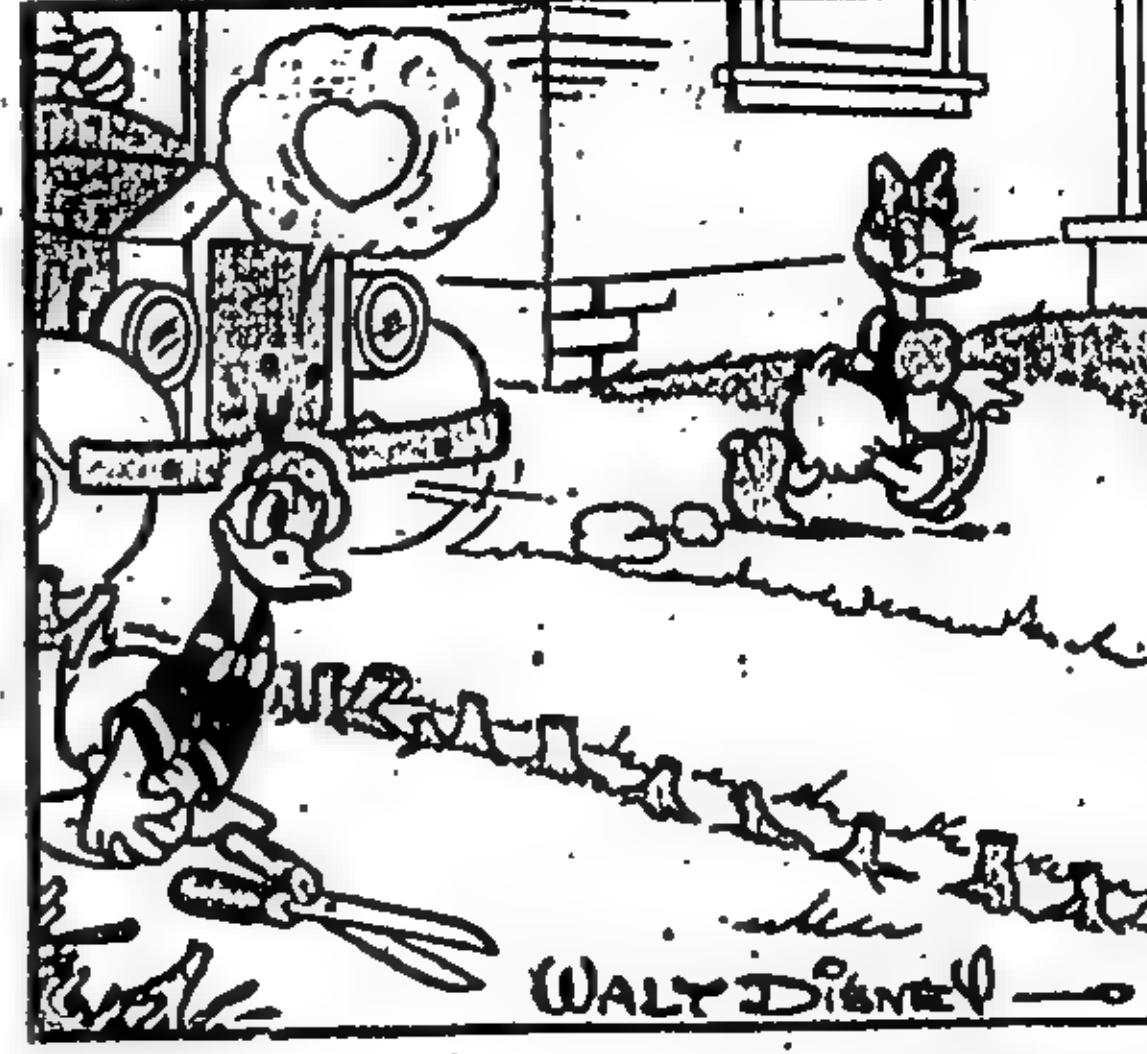
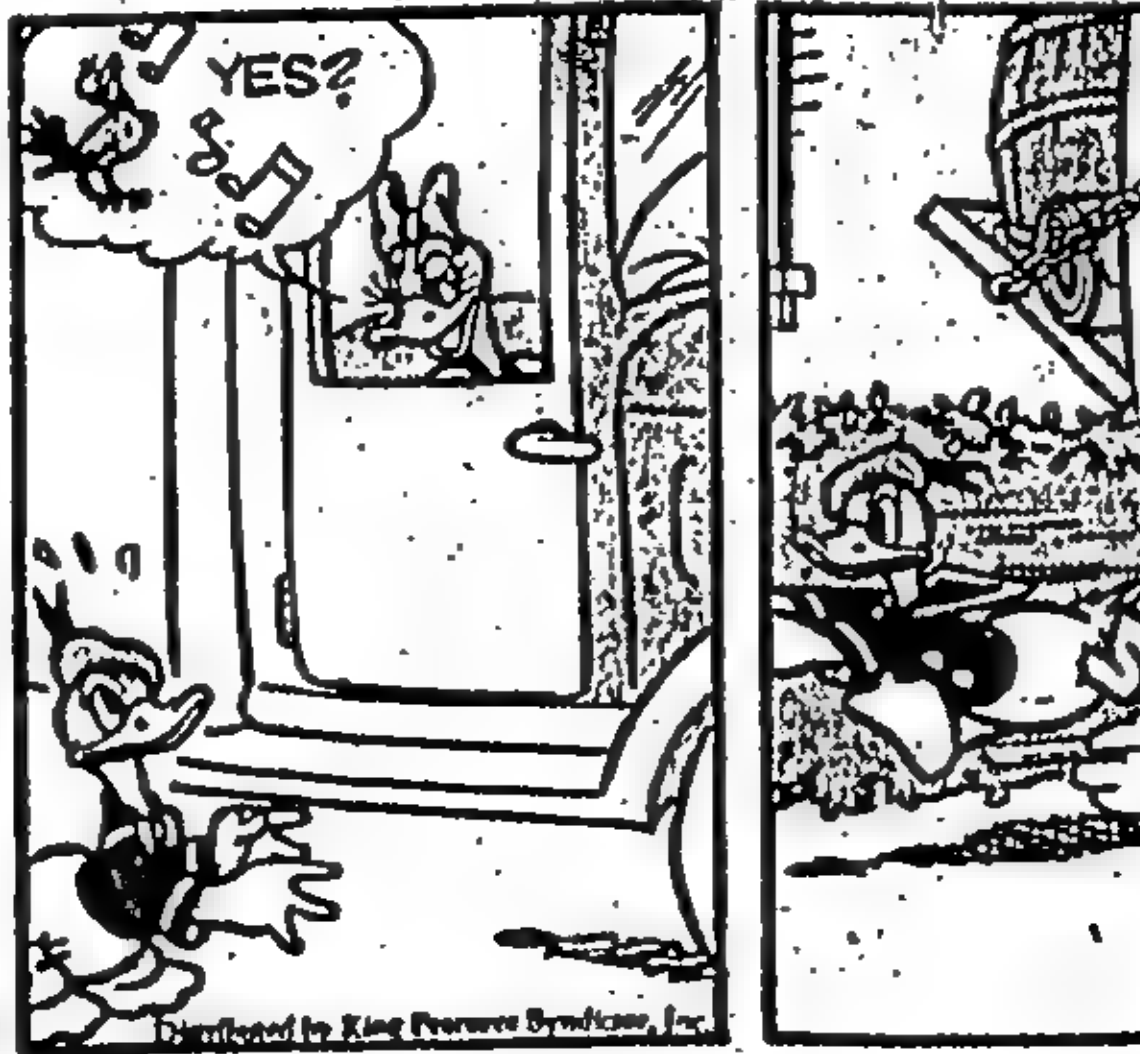
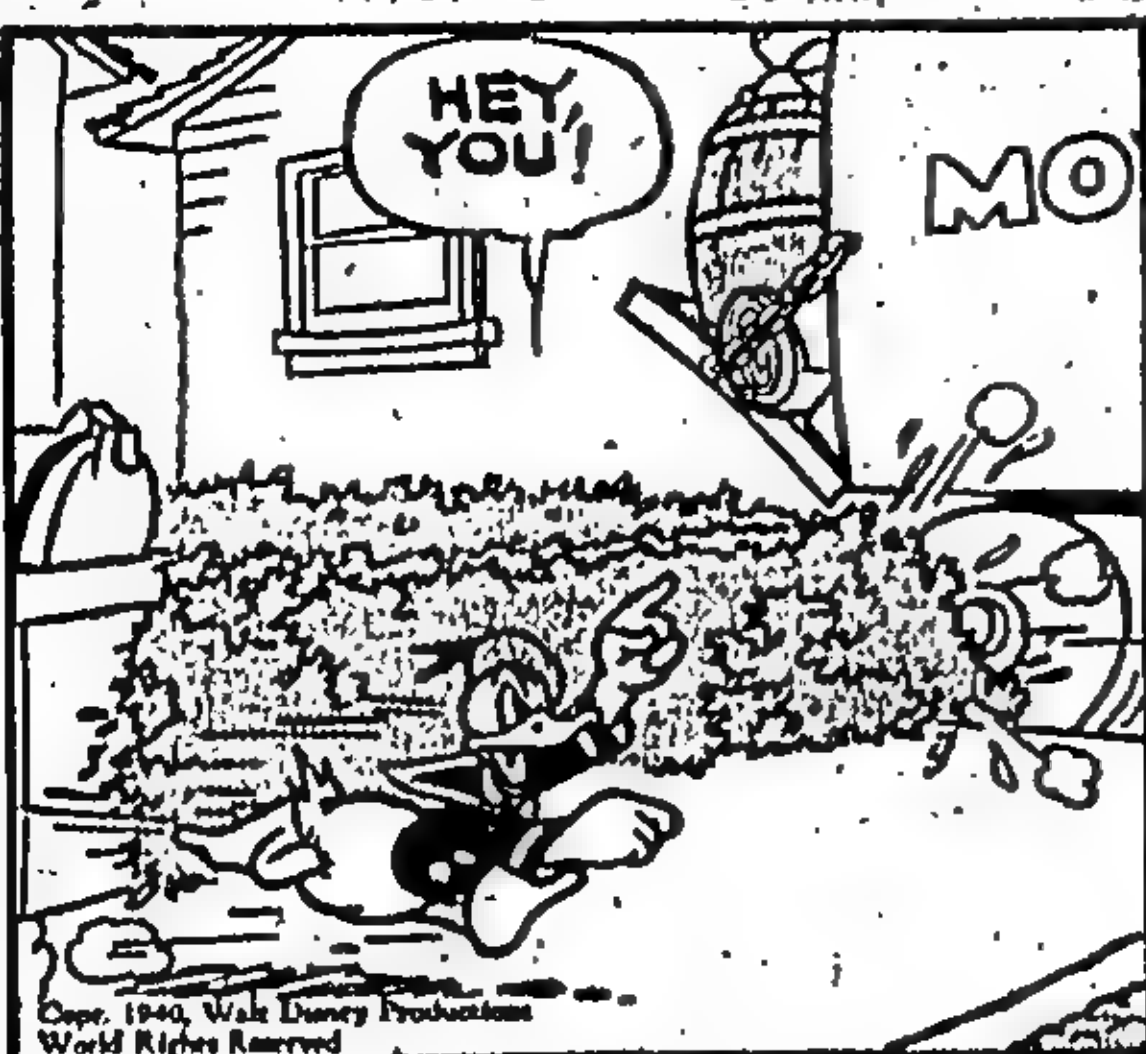
Capture Of Nazi Raider Denied

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".
LONDON, Dec. 10 (UP).—Authoritative circles here to-day denied the National Broadcasting Company's report of a B.B.C. announcement alleging that a British cruiser had captured a German raider in the South Atlantic.

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RESUME

Since marriage is a girl's only career in the 1800's, Mrs. Bennet, mother of five marriageable daughters—Elizabeth, Jane, Mary, Lydia and Kitty—campaigns like a general to capture two rich London bachelors, Mr. Darcy and Mr. Bingley, for her two elder girls. Jane and Bingley fall in love at first sight; but Darcy's arrogant pride prejudices Elizabeth against him. Bingley's sister invites Jane to call. Mrs. Bennet is ecstatic; she forces Jane to make the trip on horseback despite pouring rain, praying that the weather will delay her return home. Jane catches cold and remains at the Bingleys for a week. Charles Bingley is enchanted with her. He gives a garden party celebrating her recovery. Elizabeth again meets Darcy. Despite his charm and evident interest, his arrogance enrages her, particularly his refusal to meet Mr. Wickham, her sister Lydia's friend. Elizabeth is further infuriated by Miss Bingley's supercilious condescension.

Chapter Three

PRIDE BECOMES
PREJUDICE

At dusk, the guests gathered in the drawing room for music and refreshments, Elizabeth had avoided Darcy and Miss Bingley since their encounter on the archery field. Yet she found no comfort indoors. She remained on the sidelines with her father, her heart pounding with embarrassment—for him and herself. Nothing could stop Mrs. Bennet's repeated cries of delight at the splendour of Mr. Bingley's hospitality, nor could anyone hush her whispered yet distinct remarks about that gentleman's pre-occupation with Jane.

Elizabeth seized her father's arm in despair. Her sister Mary, whose vocalizing set the Bennet family on edge at home, was succumbing to her mother's insistence that she sing. Mr. Bennet groaned aloud as Mary, with much simpering and curtsying, took her place at the piano and began her dismal warbling.

Song followed song, until, produced by Elizabeth, Mr. Bennet forbade Mary to sing any longer. Elizabeth, her cheeks hot, made for the refreshment room. At one glance she took in the picture of her sisters, Lydia and Kitty, at the punchbowl, surrounded by flashy young officers.

She rushed back to the drawing room in despair. Her mother's voice sounded clear and distinct. Mrs. Bennet was holding court at one side of the room, repeating for the benefit of all and sundry, that Mr. Bingley had not, even for the briefest moment, relaxed his devoted attentions to her Jane.

Elizabeth wheeled about at the sound of another strident voice. Her cousin, Mr. Collins, was seated in conversation with her dearest friend, Charlotte Lucas. But it was a one-sided discussion, with the clergyman booming away about the marvellous condescension of Lady de Bourgh, patroness of his parish. She was so condescendingly charming, she even permitted him to greet her, he cried.

Elizabeth made for the terrace as one trying to awaken from a bad dream. Miss Bingley intercepted her.

"Let me congratulate you, Miss Eliza," Caroline sneered venomously.

"On what?" faltered Elizabeth. "On your family. A talented young singer. A cousin distinguished for his wit and important connections. Two young sisters who are the toast of the officers' mess. A mother who is a most diverting conversationalist; to say nothing of your own dexterity with the bow and arrow. Such an interesting and accomplished family and family is so important!"

Elizabeth turned and ran, her eyes smarting with tears of chagrin. Outside on the terrace, she leaned her head against one of

left her two weeks ago, your gracious Aunt was enjoying the best of health—"

Disdaining to reply, Darcy bowed to Elizabeth and strode off. "Oh, Mr. Collins," cried Elizabeth in anguish. "Why did you give him the opportunity to snub you like that. You should never have introduced yourself."

"Snub me?" demanded Collins. "Why he received me with the heartiest condescension. He's very like his Aunt—" and thus protesting, he followed her into the drawing room.

Darcy returned to the terrace in an effort to calm his thoughts. Miss Bingley found him there.

"Goodness, Mr. Darcy," she exclaimed, simulating surprise. "What

a start you gave me. I had no idea you were out here."

"I was just—just seeing if everything was all right, you know."

"How thoughtful of you," she murmured.

There ensued several seconds of silence.

"Mr. Darcy—I'd like to talk to you—about that Bennet girl, Jane. I thought Charles was having only a little flirtation—but he seems to be taking it seriously. Can you believe it? He actually said something to me about marriage—marriage!"

Darcy started. "I take it that you would regard such a match as unsuitable?"

"Unsuitable? But, Mr. Darcy, it's impossible. Absolutely impossible!"

He was lost in thought. Finally, he raised unhappy eyes to her face. "You're right," he said slowly. "It's mad—but all the same—if it's a question of deep feeling—"

"Well, let him have his deep feelings," she cried. "But let him have them about someone he can marry!"

Darcy stared ahead of him, his eyes dark and brooding. "Such spirit, such life, such a quick, flame-like quality," he said, speaking aloud his thoughts of Elizabeth.

Miss Bingley looked at him in astonishment. "Jane Bennet flame-like?"

Her tone and question brought Darcy to himself and shook off the claim of his inner thoughts. "Well—I mean—I mean Miss Jane's a very beautiful girl."

"Oh, I agree," she answered quickly. "Pretty as you can make them. But after all, there are plenty of pretty girls—pretty girls who don't have vulgar mothers and uncles in trade; and a row of unrepresentable sisters. Happiness doesn't depend on choosing a wife with low connections. On the contrary."

The painful details of the evening came sharply to mind, at her words. Darcy straightened up suddenly and when he spoke, his voice was harsh and cold. "You're right. A man has no right to play with fire. One has his duty to his family—his rank—his position."

"And I'm sure it's not a case of love on her part," Miss Bingley cried. "Oh, Mr. Darcy. Do go and save Charles at once. Tell him he must be sensible. Your word will have more influence with him than anything."

He nodded. "We're like a pair of conspirators," he concluded grimly. "We're plotting the murder of a man's feelings. Well," he sighed, "seeing it has to be done, let's do it quickly."

And with firm steps, they re-entered the house.

Will Darcy convince Bingley to relinquish Jane? What about his own feelings for Elizabeth? Read on—next chapter.

YESTERDAY'S HISTORY FOR TO-DAY

Often the complaint is heard that too many of our public leaders appeal to the records of history for inspiration, comforting parallel, and guidance in these stressful days. People object that it is useless now to recall the deeds of Drake, Froisher, Wellington, Nelson, or to recount the failures of Napoleon or of Wilhelm. Weapons are different, they say, the character of warfare is different, and so historical parallels do nothing but confuse and delude the public.

There is some reason in these complaints. The tendency to look backward instead of forward has long been a weakness of western democracies, in comparison with the practice of the dictatorship. Too much reliance on the tactics and military thought of the past has sometimes proved tragic—it played its part in France's collapse—but it has, in spite of all this, been demonstrated again and again, that there are two unshakable reasons why the appeal to history should not always play us false: One of these reasons is geography; the other is heredity. The influence of these things cannot be shattered by blitzkrieg, tank or bomber.

The great men of the past, the Nelsons and the Wellingtons, and those who served under them, bequeathed us not only a great tradition, but their own qualities of courage and determination. Other peoples within the British Commonwealth have their own heroes, their own honoured ancestors, and their deeds still inspire, their blood lives on. Indeed, the nation that forgets its heroes is in danger of losing its life.

History repeats itself, because grandsons are like grandfathers, and because climate and physical geography are unchangeable century by century. No matter how powers wax and wane, islands and seas and continents remain the same.

So it is that the English Channel still separates England and France, whether it is Hitler or Napoleon who is at Calais; The British Isles still stand sentinel over Europe's northern coast, and Gibraltar over the entrance to the Mediterranean, as they did when Pitt's blockade broke the Continental system.

Sea power is just as vital to-day as it was when Napoleon dreamed of a world empire. These are facts now, even as they are facts in History. The countries of the British Empire are scattered through seven continents. This is their handicap in massing for a concentrated blow, or keeping the less self-sufficient members fed and furnished when an enemy besets them. At the same time it is their strength against a foe who relies on a sudden smashing effort to destroy a national fortress and compel an immediate surrender.

There is no single Empire Maginot Line to be penetrated, no one solitary fortress to be overthrown. Its defences are miles in depth, and skies and the oceans are its allies, even as they are the symbols of its freedom. Thus it is to-day. So it was in history.

These are the truths of "blood and earth" that have made the Empire great, and that will make it greater.

Radio Engineer Sentenced

Official Secrets Case

After a hearing in camera, extending over two days, George Mace Wall (27), a radio engineer, was found guilty in London of recording information calculated to be directly or indirectly useful to an enemy for a purpose prejudicial to the safety or interests of the State, and he was sentenced to six years' penal servitude.

Passing sentence, Mr. Justice Halliday said to the prisoner: "You should be glad you are not being tried by a German court, because, if you were, you would not have long to live. In this country we take, rightly or wrongly, a much more lenient view."

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MUSSOLINI'S CUP OF BITTERNESS

MUSSOLINI'S cup of bitterness is precious near to overflowing. All his best (but not very cleverly) laid schemes are going so sadly astray that the glittering prizes which he believed he held within his grasp after the capitulation of France are rapidly turning into hot coals, which will maim and render him harmless for the rest of his life.

Two months ago Il Duce and his now-disgraced military chiefs were secretly exulting over the possibilities of a campaign, which was not only to earn for Italy a highly strategic stronghold of the eastern Mediterranean, but which was to pave the way for a gloriously successful offensive in Egypt. The psychological effect of the defeat of Greece, with its accompanying threat to Palestine and Egypt, was to provide Il Duce with his trump card in dealing with British opposition. He figured on new submarine bases at Crete which would not only permit him to bottle up the Aegean Sea (thus blunting the effect of any move which Turkey might make on behalf of the Allies), but which would also provide him with the chances of creating a new sea lane for the transfer of troops and equipment to his Libyan bases. From that point would begin the mighty drive towards the Suez.

But what has happened? His armies have been ignominiously defeated in the field by the Greeks, who, benefiting from sound, and quite often inspired leadership, have driven the Italian invaders from their land and are now in the process of completing their destruction in Albania. A shattering blow to the gaudy dreams of the Roman dictator, and sufficient to provide precisely that psychological position for the British which Il Duce fondly believed would be at his disposal.

The Italian forces now face a two-way blitzkrieg. Taking the movement with careful precision, Britain's desert armies have begun an offensive against Graziani's forces, which succeeded some time ago in penetrating into the Western Desert, while simultaneously the Greeks continue their inexorable drive into Albania. In short, positions have been completely reversed. Mussolini is strictly on the defensive; not only militarily, but domestically. Home propaganda efforts to dismiss the wholesale reshuffle in Italian military commands as being deliberate and desirable are natural, but unconvincing; the changes are too sweeping; they betoken desperation. The British offensive in the desert, together with the Greek achievements in Albania, provides for the Allies some of the most stimulating news since the start of the war against the Totalitarian Vandals.



One of the scenic wonders of Australia—"The Three Sisters," in the Blue Mountains of New South Wales.

A Hongkong Evacuee Discovers Australia

By
**HELEN
 WALKER
 DUNCAN**

As the weeks slip away and quietly fade into months, the women of Hongkong are gradually settling down in their new homes in Australia.

There are nearly a thousand Hongkong women in Sydney. Since their arrival they have found accommodation in different suburbs; they have arranged weekly meetings with each other, whilst their children are busily making new friends at various schools.

However, the task of settling down and becoming acquainted with all the freshness and beauty of the scenery here has taken considerable time. Lodged at the back of every mind is the eternal question, "When will we return to our husbands and homes?" This, in itself, has proved a stumbling block to many who find that settling down in a new country is no easy matter.

There are many who still complain bitterly although, fortunately, they are in the minority. The others have philosophically set themselves out to study their new neighbours.

As an evacuee, I can understand their various points of view. But I have come to love my new home with its beauty and variety of scene and its hospitable people.

After many years in Hongkong, I find the change delightful. Every day, with the help of a newly-acquired guide book, I discover something new and exciting. I often wonder what my impressions of our Colony will be when I return.

The beaches, birds, animals, flowers and the language are a few of the many subjects which have proved of interest.

Never have I seen such wonderful beaches, with their deep blue waters sparkling in the sun, the white capped surf dashing itself onto beaches of fine, white sand. During the warm week-ends, thousands journey to the beaches and spend their days in glorious fun. Of course, it is difficult for us to enjoy a beach without the comforts of a matched and coolies to wash our tiffin dishes. But, on the whole, I would rather join these crowds of friendly holiday makers and sit beside

them on a beach whilst they frolic around me.

Then there are the birds, animals and flowers which have proved so interesting. The kookaburra, a wise-looking little bird with an oversized head, has appealed to me since I first saw

many columns of print. But I must mention the wattle, with its bright yellow colouring; the warratah, a stiff dark red flower which looks as if it had been varnished; and the jackaranda, a bright blue bell-like flower, now in season.

In October, the wistaria was in bloom and I was fortunate to see these beautiful blossoms at Vaucluse House. This delightful old place, once the home of William Charles Wentworth, the Father of the Constitution, has been placed under the control of a trust and is open for public inspection.

Preserved there are many relics of the early days of colonial settlement. Originally, it was the home of Sir Henry Browne Hayes, an Irishman. Shortly after settling there, he purchased five hundred barrels of peat soil from Ireland. This arrived on a special boat. On St. Patrick's Day, he took the peat and with it filled a trench six feet deep and two feet wide, running right round the house. It was done in order to keep the snakes away. I have not been able to discover whether St. Patrick or the peat proved to be of any assistance in the matter.

The people here have been friendly and hospitable to many Hongkong women. I like them. By our tongues they know that we are not Australians. This fact alone has brought me into conversation with innumerable people in shops, buses and trams.

These have included an old man in the Botanical Gardens who offered to give me dozens of racing tips; a bus conductor who wanted me to meet another passenger because he had an English accent and an old lady who commenced by admiring my hat and then gave me her life history.

Everyone is friendly and helpful—even the clerks in the banks. What a delightful experience!

I find myself making friends easily with the Australians and using their slang expressions which always seem to describe exactly what is meant. I am beginning to understand many expressions and do not hesitate now to use them in general conversation.

I've seen the aboriginals at La Perouse and most of the historical sights. I've heard a Maori singing their hauntingly beautiful farewell song. I've joined in community singing concerts and seen real live Australian cowboys buck-jumping.

In fact, I have tried to see, talk to and visit everything of interest. Whatever happens I will never forget my first four months' residence in Sydney.

But, above all else, I've seen our harbour bridge. By the way, it may not be generally known that Sydney is three hours ahead of Melbourne. The three comprise our harbour, our

Musso's Swan(k) Song

"HO, I have a Fleet that none can beat,"
 Cries Musso, the doughty Dago,
 "It preserves its paint with great restraint,
 As it hides in an archipelago."

"We have such fun at tip and run,
 Things really are exciting,
 But we don't go far from the harbour bar,
 It's a safer game than fighting."

"I thrust my chin with warlike grin,
 And Black Shirts holla 'Vivas,'
 They gulp my bluff on the Sea King stuff,
 As becomes all true believers."

"So turn about, don't venture out,
 My grand Italian Navy,
 Stay nearer Rome, you're best at home,
 Then you won't get sent to Davy."

H. C. L.

WITH THE GUNS

By G. LESLIE CARTER

"TARGET!"
 Hardly it seemed, had the bombardier shouted—almost screamed—the word than the guns were brought to bear and fired.

It was the opening of the great battle over the Thames Estuary on Saturday afternoon when 500 enemy aircraft carried out their biggest raid of the war on the London area.

I was standing in the command post of an A.A. gun site in Essex. Minutes before the alarm had sounded bells had shrilled, a suspended bombardment was clanged. The gunners, in the midst of tea, ran to their stations with mouths still crammed with bread-and-butter.

In the post the plotter was marking on his speedometer the course of the raiders. We were at our posts before they had crossed the coast.

Puffs of Smoke
 Then came the report that mass formations of enemy bombers were approaching a spot where they would be in range of our guns. The guns were brought to bear in the direction the raiders were taking. From miles away across the river gunfire was heard. Suddenly, in the clear blue sky, four little puffs of smoke blossomed.

Suddenly we saw them leaders flying in echelon just ahead of the bursts, the remainder surrounded by the puffs of smoke which by now had become more dense.

"Target!"
 Orders rapped out, rounds were slammed in the guns. Eyes were glued to the special telescope, a spotter reported "Downed!" "Fire!" the blast of the guns buffeted my tin hat, dust flew into my eyes. There was an odd rushing noise as the shells sped upward. We could see the machines clearly now, great swiftness of movement, the engines roaring, the bombs falling in formation. Above them tiny silver specks flew back and forth—the escort of Messerschmitt fighters.

New puffs—our shells—joined the barrage of splinters up there. The formation, rattled, flew on, others looming up in its wake, but weaving in and out.

Minutes after there came the deepest earth-shaking explosion of a bomb. Then others.

"Fighters on 'em, sir," reported a spotter. High in the sky to the south a thin plume of smoke started falling downward. It grew as it plummeted. Far over in Kent we lost sight of it. To the north more machine-guns were firing. Again a great ball of smoke lumbered out of the sky.

Wheeling Bombers
 Then again the shout of "Target!" The bombers, now joined by Heinkels, were wheeling, coming back into range after their job had been done. Once more our guns belched, leaving yellow smoke on the still evening air. Our bursts followed them until a predictor, operator shouted despondently, "Target out of range!"

The guns had done their job. Nobody dared think of the bombers, the raiders might have caused if they had been allowed to fly on undisturbed. The damage they did was great, but it would have been greater had the guns not been there.

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JAPAN'S BUDGET

All-Time Record Expenditure

Tokyo, Dec. 10. The Cabinet met at the Premier's residence this afternoon to inaugurate deliberation on the all-time record Budget for the 1941-42 fiscal year, aiming at the construction of a highly-organized national defence state vis-a-vis the new international situation consequent on the conclusion of the Japan-German-Italian triple alliance.

The General Budget as presented to the Budget session of the Cabinet amounts to Yen 6,663,000,000, increasing by Yen 1,041,000,000 over the original amount of the working Budget reaching Yen 5,622,000,000. Negotiations are still going on between the Finance Ministry and the War and Navy Ministries regarding the extraordinary military budget which is not likely to be determined until early next spring. If the extraordinary budget is fixed at this year's level of Yen 4,400,000,000, the total Budget for the coming fiscal year will rise to the record high of Yen 11,000,000,000.

General features of the Revenue and Expenditure of the proposed Budget follow:

Revenue:

Ordinary	Yen 3,790,000,000
Special	Yen 3,073,000,000
Total	Yen 6,863,000,000

Revenue sources include Yen 3,600,000,000 from taxes, Yen 145,000,000 from stamp duties, Yen 515,000,000 from Government enterprises and properties, Yen 397,000,000 from transfers from special accounts and donations, and Yen 150,000,000 from miscellaneous sources, Yen 2,880,000,000 from bonds, and Yen 80,000,000 from the surplus of the previous year, the total reaching Yen 6,863,000,000.

Expenditure:

Ordinary	Yen 3,320,000,000
Special	Yen 3,543,000,000
Total	Yen 6,863,000,000

Allocations to various Ministries:

Imperial Household	Yen 4,000,000
Foreign	Yen 70,000,000
Home	Yen 507,000,000
Finance	Yen 2,135,000,000
War	Yen 1,387,000,000
Navy	Yen 1,241,000,000
Justice	Yen 61,000,000
Education	Yen 213,000,000
Agriculture and Forestry	Yen 228,000,000
Commerce and Industry	Yen 108,000,000
Communications	Yen 406,000,000
Overseas	Yen 85,000,000
Welfare	Yen 180,000,000
Total	Yen 6,863,000,000

Ministry Estimates

Meanwhile, new enterprises to be undertaken by various Ministries under the Budget for the next fiscal year, include: Foreign Ministry: expenditure in connection with the European war Yen 1,000,000; management of new Consulates Yen 300,000; additional expenditure in the China Affair Yen 11,000,000.

Finance Ministry: additions to the sinking fund Yen 87,000,000; expenditure of the Information Board Yen 2,000,000; expenditure for cultural enterprises in Asia Yen 10,000,000; and increased subsidy to the Kwantung Board Yen 5,000,000.

Communications Ministry: subsidy to shipping lines Yen 9,000,000; increases in pension Yen 60,000,000; subsidy to air transport Yen 3,000,000; expenditure for the training of aircraft personnel Yen 9,000,000.

Public Welfare Ministry: expenditure for the settlement of immigrants in Manchuria Yen 40,000,000.

The Public Welfare Ministry's budget of Yen 180,000,000 represents an increase of Yen 30,000,000 on the present year's budget.

New items include Yen 57,000,000 for military relief and Yen 5,000,000 for sanatoriums for wounded servicemen.—Domei.

Cabinet Approves

Tokyo, Dec. 10. The budget was approved by the Cabinet following an extraordinary meeting this afternoon.

Significance is seen in the new Budget which is designed to make provision for Japan's positive participation in the epochal international changes as a member of the tripartite axis and also for meeting the new phase of the China Affair following adjustment of relations with the new National Government of China.—Domei.

Raider Caught

New York, Dec. 10. The National Broadcasting Corporation reported to-day that the British Broadcasting Corporation had announced that a British cruiser had captured a German raider in the South Atlantic and had put a prize crew aboard.—United Press.

Parade Of Wardens

In connection with the inspection of the Corps of Air Raid Wardens by His Excellency the Acting Governor, it is announced that owing to unforeseen circumstances it will not be possible for His Excellency to inspect the Corps on Sunday, December 22, and the inspection will therefore take place on Saturday, December 21, at 3.30 p.m.

The Chief Air Raid Warden, Hong Kong, appeals to all employers of labour who have on their staffs Air Raid Wardens, to give the latter every facility for attending the parade.

EVACUATION COMMITTEE

The Evacuation Representation Committee held a private session at the Peninsula Hotel yesterday, when the financial aspects of the evacuation were investigated.

A communique on the decisions reached will be issued to the Press, shortly.



SYMPATHETIC SOVEREIGN—Britain's King George, who takes it with his family despite Nazi bombers over capital city, chats with 85-year-old Mrs. Ingleton, who lost her home.

Disaster Facing The Italians In Desert

LONDON, Dec. 10 (Reuter).—Late news from Cairo suggests that the moment for striking another blow against the Italians—this time Libya—has not been missed. A heavy stroke has already been delivered against General Graziani's forces which he had rashly pushed forward to Sidi Barrani.

Italian Generals have been captured or killed, over 4,000 prisoners have been taken and many tanks captured. This is an encouraging beginning.

It is early yet to gauge what the final result of these operations will be. The Italians may be driven back along lines of retreat, and though they will be badly mauled, their main force around Sidi Barrani may escape.

It is, however, possible that disaster of a considerable magnitude will be inflicted on the enemy. A turning movement along the Libyan plateau down the escarpment on to the road between Sollum and Sidi Barrani may develop.

This is not the only encircling movement that may be initiated with the object of totally destroying the Italians. Britain commands the sea and a naval attack exerting landing forces may possibly strike still further to the Italian rear towards Tobruk.

Grand Scale Operations

The scope of such operations is admittedly on a grand scale. It would involve some extra effort and risk. But the moment is propitious; the enemy's morale is undoubtedly severely shaken and may give way altogether quite easily.

It is to be noted with satisfaction that General Wavell and Sir Maitland Wilson have called on every weapon at our command to play a part in the defeat of the enemy, for both the navy and air force have been active and have made their power felt.

It remains to be seen whether the British can press the Italians back into Libya; whether, indeed, we can drive them out of the country altogether.

The Arabs may well rise and make harassing attacks on isolated Italian columns, parties and even their civilian colonists.

On the other side of the Mediterranean, in Albania—prospects look equally bright. The Greeks are still pressing on despite terrible winter weather. Such weather is as destructive to a retreating army as it is a cause of delay to an advancing army.

Naval Co-operation

The Italians in Albania are in a most dangerous position. We can spare enough ships from operations on the Libyan coast to send a naval squadron to Valona and such a stroke would be decisive. A naval attack on this port would cut off the retreat of half the Italian army and would prevent further reinforcements from reaching them. The fleet need have no fears in accepting such a challenge.

Mussolini and his Fascist empire are rocking. Can the British forces push it over now? It is possible.

A.R.P. WORKERS AT SIMLA

At a big rally at Viceroy's Lodge, Simla, last month, Lady Linlithgow inspected a large number of persons who had undergone instruction in the courses organized by the Simla branch of the St. John Ambulance Association in first aid and A.R.P. work. She also presented certificates and medals.

BRITISH CREDITS TO CHINA

—Ten Millions

London, Dec. 10. Britain has agreed in principle to lend £10,000,000 to China.

Announcing this decision, in the Commons to-day, Mr. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, said an advance of £5,000,000 would be made to the Chinese Stabilisation Fund. The remaining £5,000,000 would be made available for purchases in any part of the sterling area.

The Chinese Government has been informed of the decision and requested to make arrangements for the early negotiation of the preliminary technical agreement on which the possibility of these further credits depends.

Explaining the necessity for the sterling area proviso Mr. Butler said the British Government had to conserve gold and American dollar resources for essential war needs of the sterling area, hence they could not offer to China American dollars or sterling which could be converted into dollars.—Reuter.

Aid Through Dutch

New York, Dec. 10. A three-cornered transaction in which the United States would make a considerable loan to the Netherlands and the Netherlands would lend this amount to Britain is one suggestion which is attracting attention among those engaged on the problem of aid for Britain, says the Herald-Tribune's Washington correspondent. It is claimed that this method would avoid violating either the Johnson or Neutrality Acts.—Reuter.

Relief For Spain

Washington, Dec. 9. Again questioned at the Press Conference regarding American assistance to Spain, the Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, denied the reports interpreting the statement issued by him on Saturday as confirming that the United States is negotiating a \$100,000,000 loan.

Mr. Hull declared that he only said that discussions were going on concerning food relief. He reiterated that he had never heard of any question of credits being discussed. He refused to say whether present plans envisage sending of food supplies gratis or involve a financing arrangement.—Domei.

Hindu Association Officers

The Hindu Association, Hong Kong, recently held its sixth annual general meeting and elected the following office bearers for the year 1940-41:

President: Mr. J. K. Kripalani; Vice-Presidents: Dr. D. K. Samy, Mr. A. Vaswani, Mr. D. Vaswani; Honorary General Secretary, Mr. M. R. Deb; Joint Secretaries, Mr. B. Datta, Mr. J. K. Kripalani; Treasurer, Messrs. Wassimull Asomull and Co.

Members: Mr. K. B. Vaidya, Mr. K. Mangalmai, Mr. R. S. Rathour, Mr. F. T. Melwani, Mr. R. Hassan, Mr. S. Kalchand, Mr. J. B. Rama. Honorary Auditors: Mr. D. S. Dings, Mr. K. Ram, Mr. S. L. Ratnam.

Juliana For America

Washington, Dec. 10. Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt announced to-day that Princess Juliana, of the Netherlands, would shortly visit America from Ottawa. She would be a guest at the White House from December 18 to 20 and then go to New York where she would spend two days in order to enable her to return to Ottawa to spend Christmas with her children.—United Press.

Beaverbrook thanks you!

A cable from Lord Beaverbrook, Minister for Aircraft Production, to the South China Morning Post, states:

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Around The Courses GAME TAKES HOLD IN MACAO

Further Improvements Are Yet Necessary

Draw For Country Club Junior Championship

(By "Birdie")

IT WAS NOT to be expected that within the short period of incubation that the new course at Macao would vie with those in Hongkong, and Colony golfers went over there on Saturday last with open minds. They had no preconceived ideas of perfect conditions and consequently were not disappointed.

Work on the course started only two months ago, and it was the initiative of the Committee of the Tennis Civil Club that gave birth to the Golf Club, which is really another section of that Club.

It is a 9-hole course situated inside the Macao Jockey Club race track—as is the Happy Valley Club. Its total length is 2,163 metres, which is about 2,380 yards. Longest hole is the Fifth, which is about 430 yards, and shortest is the Second—about 140 yards.

In the middle of the course is a pond which is approximately 110 yards by 45, and this constitutes the main hazard, serving, as it does the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 6th holes.

Apart from improvements that can be made in the lay-out, of primary importance is the levelling of the greens. These, at the moment, are of hard grass and are anything but smooth. In the opening match on Saturday it was nothing unusual to take three or four or even five putts.

But the Club has no pretensions in this respect. They are aware of the shortcomings of the course, and are ready to welcome suggestions for its improvement, for Golf has arrived to stay in Macao.

It does seem quite certain, though, that once the Club gets going and the improvements are made, to the course, it is going to be a great and added attraction to the Portuguese Colony.

DRAW for the first round of the Junior Championship at the Country Club, Sheungshui, was made yesterday, and is appended below. Quite some difficulty was experienced in reaching the required number of entries, and in this not the least was the prevailing custom—that past Junior Champions should not take part again. It did strike me that a number of people who have won the "Junior" have remained in the "Junior" class.

The draw is:
W. C. Hung v. C. S. Thom
H. R. Pinna v. C. E. Marques
A. A. Guterres v. C. H. Baeto
M. F. Pinna v. C. Roza Pereira
A. R. Pinna v. T. K. Chow
K. C. Lee v. W. G. Williams
A. T. Lee v. Geo. Lee
K. T. Oei v. R. E. Lee

The First Round matches are to be played this Sunday, but certain concessions are being made to those players who, through Volunteer duties are unable to attend this week-end.

I read an article the other day in a Singapore paper that should be of interest to golfers if only academically. The secret

Football

Twelve Teams Entered For Senior Shield

DRAW for the First Round of the Senior and Junior Shield football competitions will be made this evening at the monthly meeting of the Hongkong Football Assn. Council.

Twelve teams have entered for the Senior trophy, and twenty-two for the Junior. These are:
SENIOR SHIELD—Club, Kowloon, St. Joseph's, Police, Middlesex, Royal Scots, Navy, South China, Eastern, Sing Tao and 8/12th Royal Artillery.

JUNIOR SHIELD—Club, Kowloon, St. Joseph's, Police, Middlesex, Royal Scots, Navy, South China, Eastern, Sing Tao, 12th R.A., Kit Chee, Ordnance, Signals, 30th R.A., Service Corps, Medicals, 24th R.A. and 36th R.A.

—as it is called—was discovered through research by an American doctor.

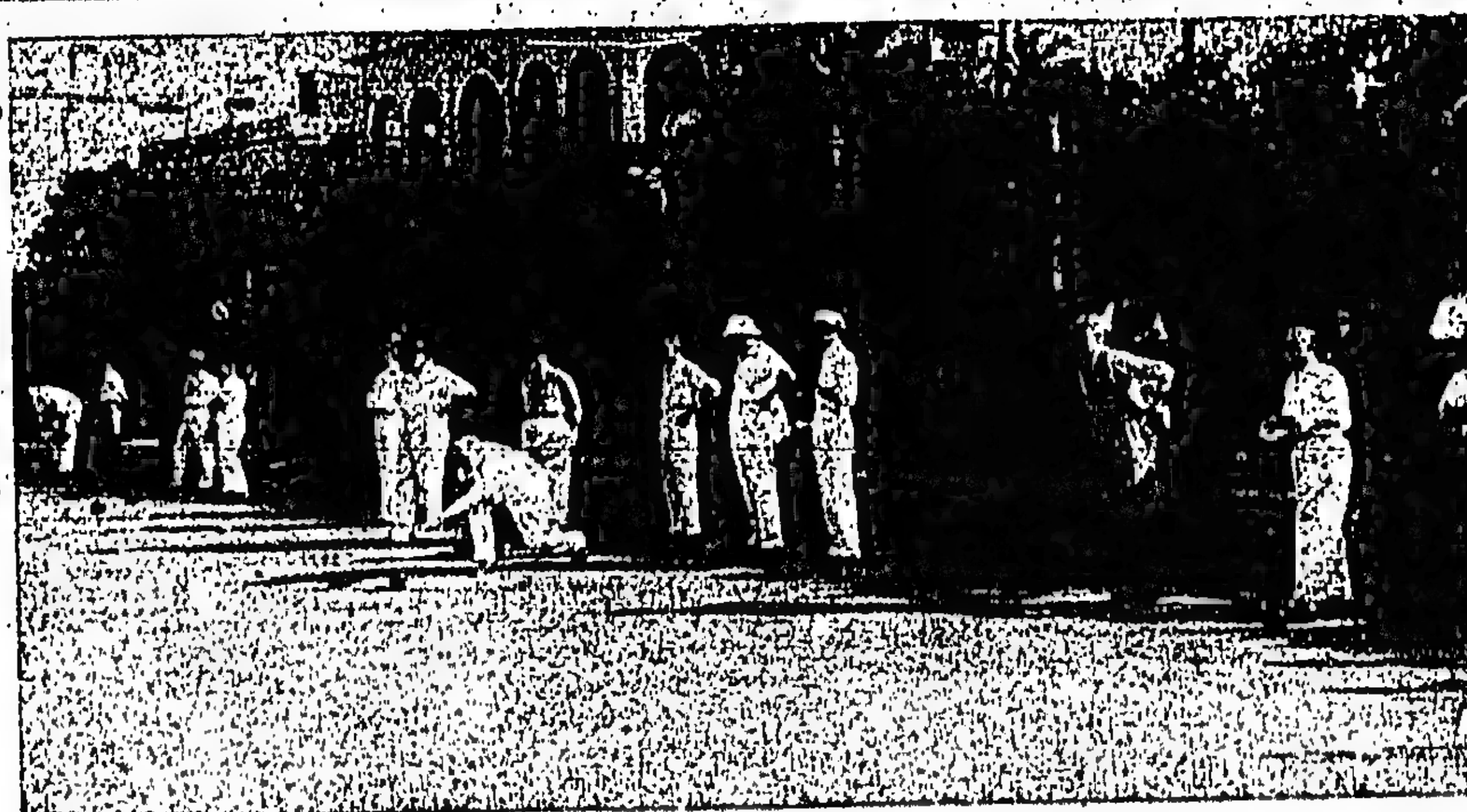
He found that between the 11th and 15th holes of a singles match, and between the 9th and 15th holes of a foursomes, the amount of sugar in the blood was below fast level, and this sugar decrease caused fatigue with its consequent loss of accuracy and concentration. This golfing medico tried his solution out on 30 healthy golfers and found that it worked.

His solution was that eating a more "ketogenic" lunch (whatever that is) or eating sweets or toffees about the eighth hole overcame the lassitude.

All I have found during a round of golf, and that during the summer, was that near the 5th and 14th one raised a thirst that even Kipling could not have known.

THREE first round matches for the Ladies Cup (on handicap) were played last week-end. In these Mrs. F. E. D'Almeida Remedios easily beat Mrs. K. T. Oei, and Miss M. C. Churn beat Miss E. Hennig on the last putt. The third game between Miss M. B. Churn and Mrs. A. G. Botelho ended all square and in the darkness.

QUALIFIERS for the Captain's Cup competition were W. C. Hung 70, and A. A. Guterres 82. First round matches in this competition will be played on January 12.



Billiards

Enjoyable Contests At Y. M. C. A.

The "Billiards Evening" sponsored by the European Y.M.C.A. and organised by Mr. C. Terrans yesterday proved a great success. Novelty contests were held during the evening, one of which was the playing of a game with a plate on the table without touching the plate. Mr. T. Huber was the winner.

A novelty break competition was won by Mr. W. E. Moreland, while in the exhibition match which concluded the evening's entertainment, Mr. M. N. Rakusen beat Mr. A. P. Pereira 250-205.

Footballers Coping With Air Raid Alarms

FOOTBALL LEAGUE clubs may soon have their own air-raid spotters. Stadium stewards will be perched on grandstand roofs, searching the sky so matches may carry through an alert without crowd-killing interruptions, unless real danger is over-head.

—Play will be discontinued for moments only while fans are marshalled into safe positions. After backstage debate it was officially announced that football authorities may shortly seek amendment of the regulation that orders suspension of games until the "raiders' signal sounds."

Football League Secretary Horwath said: "When the original regulations were laid down, sirens were the 'danger' signal. Now they are regarded as an 'alert' it is widely felt that football might carry on, as does industry. An amendment to that effect is likely to be sought."

"JIM CROWS"

CLUBS are so keen on the idea that some have already laid plans for recruiting the most reliable ground stewards as probable "Jim Crows" and sending them to official centres to take courses in roof spotting. Another big point weighing with the soccer bosses is that these often avoidable interruptions are making it difficult for service and war-working players to get through and back to their units and depots at the proper time.

C. C. C. Cricket Teams

In their cricket match against Kowloon C.C. on Saturday, the Craigengower C.C. will be represented by: G. Souza (Capt.), A. M. Omar, J. W. Leonard, B. J. Hillier, A. J. Hulse, W. A. Lee, A. B. Hamson, B. I. France, W. Hong Shing, J. Youngs, A. H. Esmail, Reserves, B. Leonard, G. M. Omar and U. E. Esmail.

ON SUNDAY

On Sunday, the Craigengower C.C. will play the Royal Engineers at Soekunpo, and the following have been chosen to represent them:
A. B. Hamson (Capt.), P. J. Billmoris, A. H. Esmail, U. E. Esmail, T. Edgar, H. L. Forman, A. J. Hulse, C. W. Lane, E. Mitchell, J. Youngs, S. Hamchand, Umpire, G. S. Ladd.

Reported Fitting Out Of Nazi Raider

The Shanghai press reports travellers from Kobe as saying that the German liner Scharnhorst (18,104 tons), which took refuge at Kobe at the beginning of the war, is being fitted out as an armed raider.

Several large guns are said to have been mounted, and her lines have been changed. British naval authorities are non-committal, saying that similar reports have been circulated previously.

The annual Societies lawn bowls match in progress at the Kowloon Bowling Green Club last Saturday. St. Andrew's Society beat St. George's by 57 shots.—Ming Yuen.

Athletic Records Topple In Russia

MOSCOW, Nov.—The annual Voroshilov Cross-Country Race marked the close of the summer athletic season. The race demonstrates how widespread athletics have become in the Soviet Union. Eleven years ago only 126 persons started in this race. This year 45,000 persons participated in Moscow alone, the total throughout the U.S.S.R. being well over 100,000.

The winner of the race, Vanin, of the Red Army, covered the distance of 10 kilometres in 31 min. 24 secs., beating last year's record by 17 secs.

THIRTY-NINE RECORDS

DURING the summer, Soviet athletes established 39 new All-Union records in running, jumping, discus throwing, etc.

European records were established this season in pole vaulting (Osolida, 4.26 metres, and Rayevsky, 4.23 metres) and in the long jump—Danilenko, 7.46 metres.

Having improved his record in the five kilometre race, S. Znamensky now ranks among the 10 best runners of the world. Stapanchok the hurdle racer, now ranks second in Europe, his result being 14.6 secs.

WOMEN CHAMPIONS

THE women athletes, Sechenova and Kossareva, achieved good results over 100 metres—(12.3 secs.).

A new All-Union record in the 100 m. race, 10.6 secs., has been established.

Cyclists established 18 new records, motorcyclists nine records, and automobile drivers another three records.

WORLD AQUATIC RECORD

FORTY-SIX swimming records of the U.S.S.R. were improved upon during the past summer.

S. Bolchenko established a new world record, covering 200 metres in breast-stroke style in 2 min. 37.7secs. Soviet swimmers also established a world record in free style relay race over 4x100 metres—3 min. 57secs.

Ushakov swam 100 metres in crawl style in 57.5 secs. This speed has not been achieved anywhere in the world during the past few years.

Weightlifters set two new records, also improving a number of their own previous records.

OTHER EVENTS

CONTESTS for the championship of the U.S.S.R. were held for rowing (won by Moscow), tennis (won by Hebdia-Lyov), boxing, wrestling, gymnastics, basketball, etc. Soviet football teams, playing against a Bulgarian eleven, won four games, a fifth game ending in a draw.

All-Union competitions in "Gorodki" (a popular Russian game) were held, as also were several regattas and naval rowing contests on the Black Sea.

The mountain climbing season is also drawing to a close, and several records have already been established.

P. T. COMPETITION ARRANGED FOR LOCAL SCHOOLS

A Physical Training Competition open to local Vernacular Schools has been arranged by the Education Department to take place as follows:
Kowloon Schools—Thursday, Dec. 19 at 9 a.m. on the Kowloon Football Club ground.

Hongkong Schools—Friday, Dec. 20 at 9 a.m. on the Hongkong Football Club ground.

The final will be held also on Friday morning at 11.30 a.m., after which His Excellency the Acting Governor will distribute the prizes.

Fencing Golf

First And Second Round Matches For Captain's Cup

Following is the draw for the Royal Hongkong Golf Club's Captain's Cup competition, with the handicaps of players in brackets:

First round—A. J. Dennis (10) v. S. L. Lloyd (10); K. S. Robertson (6) v. G. Thomerson (20); A. D. Purves (10) v. H. A. Mills (17).
Second round—M. L. Reidy (17) v. T. Merriery (9); A. W. Bourne (9) v. W. J. Cant (10); W. W. C. Sheehan (6) v. R. Low (12); J. W. Chague (10) v. F. A. Howard (17); A. H. McBride (13) v. A. Kowry (16); G. M. Park (7) v. C. Young (14); J. Linaker (15) to play the winner of the Dennis-Lloyd match.

The first round is to be played on or before December 29, the second round on or before January 10, the third on or before February 9, the semi-final on or before March 2, and the final on or before March 10. The first-named in each match is the challenger and is responsible for arranging dates.

NAVY RUGBY TEAM

The following will represent the Royal Navy in their Quadrangular Rugby Tournament match on the Navy ground on Saturday at 4 p.m.:
Captain, Mansfield. Sub-Lieut. McGill, Honeywell, Paul, Dowden, Mid. Officer, Lieut. Rutherford, Palmer, Lieut. Watson (Capt.), Mansfield, King, Flight-Lieut. Taylor, Longmuir, Sub-Lieut. Beattie, Sub-Lieut. Poole, Reserves, Sub-Lieut. Kennedy, Cadet Lambie, Sub-Lieut. (2) Brown, Stockham.

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THE THIRTEENTH EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at HAPPY VALLEY on SATURDAY, 14th December, 1940, commencing at 2.00 p.m.

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The Secretary's Office, 1st Floor, Exchange Building, (Tel. 27794) will close at 11.45 a.m.

Tickets are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 21920).

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The price of Admission to the Public Enclosure is \$1.00 including Tax, for all Persons, including Ladies, and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform are admitted Half Price.

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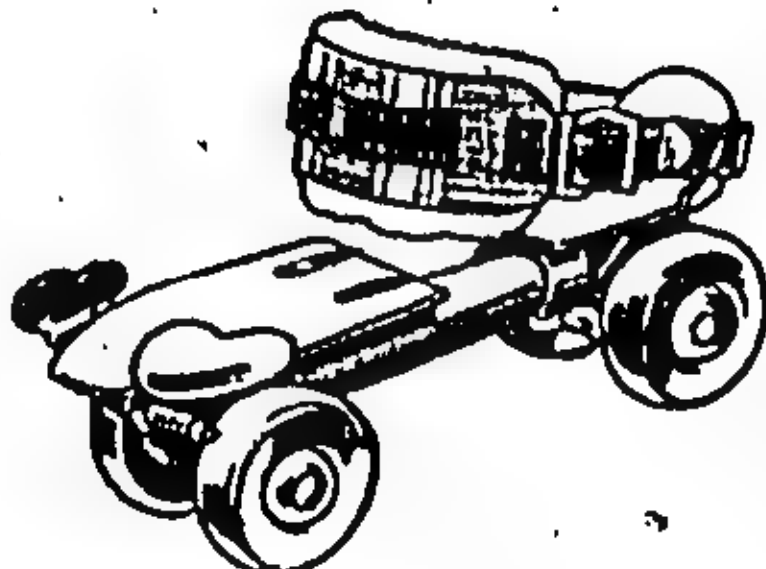
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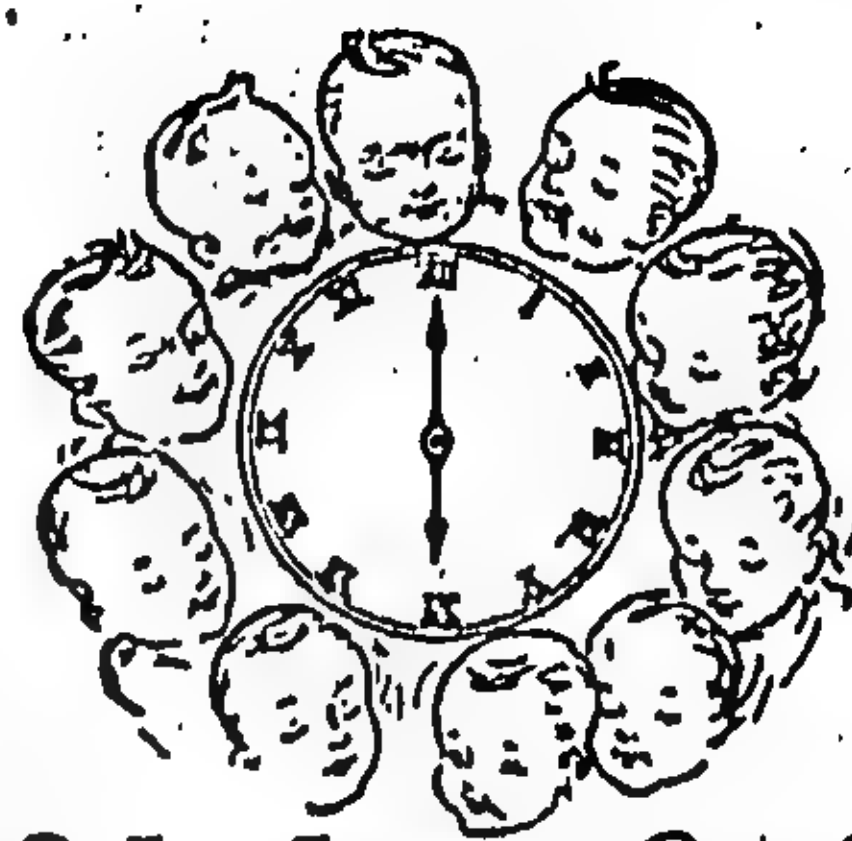
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Fast Freight Schedule Of New U. S. Vessels

The American President Lines have received information to the effect that arrangements have now been completed for new fast American flag vessels to replace the "City Line" vessels which were previously operated in the Trans-Pacific trade by the American President Lines.

The new vessels are the C-1 type of freighters which have recently been constructed under the programme of the United States Maritime Commission. It is expected that these vessels will follow the same itinerary on the Pacific as the "City Line" vessels did. However, they will proceed from San Francisco and Los Angeles through to New York.

The first of these vessels to call at Hongkong will be the Zoella Lykes. Temporary schedule provides for this vessel to sail from Hongkong on January 20, arriving at San Francisco on February 12, at Los Angeles on February 14, and at New York on March 2. This vessel will be followed by the Reuben Tipton, which is scheduled to sail from Hongkong on February 18, arriving at San Francisco on March 4, at Los Angeles on March 6, and at New York on March 22. Although these schedules are temporary, it is expected that the sailing dates are approximately correct. These vessels will be followed by vessels of the same type with monthly sailings. This schedule will give the fastest time from Hongkong to San Francisco, being only 14 days, and also the fastest time from Hongkong to New York, being only 32 days in transit.

Picture Exhibition

War-time restriction on cameras has reduced the number of landscape studies in the second annual All-China Exhibition of Pictorial Photography arranged by the Photographic Society of Hongkong.

The exhibition, which opens to-day in the Pencil Lounge, Exchange Building, maintains last year's high standard, but indicates that photographers are now concentrating on portraits and indoor studies. The display of 100 photographs selected from 400 prints will be open from 10 a.m. to 7.30 p.m. until Sunday. Admission is free.

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12.15 p.m. Short Service of Intercession.
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A Musical Comedy Switch (arr. Hall), New Mayfair Orchestra, Till the Lights of London Shine Again (Conner-Pola), A Child's Prayer (Thayer-Lycester), Phyllis Robins (Vocal) with Orchestra, "Bulalaka" Selection (Postford), New Mayfair Orchestra, I'm Sending a Letter to Santa Claus (Rogers-Williams), Phyllis Robins (Vocal) with Orchestra, "Sweet Adeline"—Selection (Kern) New Mayfair Orchestra, with Vocalists.

1.0 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 Leslie Hutchinson (Vocal) at the Piano.

1.15 Anton and the Paramount Theatre Orchestra.

1.30 Reuter & Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 Haydn—Symphony No. 92 in G Major ("Oxford").

Orchestra de la Societe des Concerts du Conservatoire, cond. by Bruno Walter.

2.15 Close down.

6.30 Closing local Stock Quotations.

6.32 Compositions of Haydn.

The Heavens are Telling (from The Creation) The Choir of Temple Church, London, with Organ, Quartet in G Major, Op. 84, No. 4, Pro Arte Quartet, Minuet in C Sharp Minor, Chain of Waltzes, Wanda Landowska (Harpischor).

7.0 London Relay—The News.

7.15 London Relay—Questions of the Hour.

7.30 London Relay—Liberty Hall Variety.

8.0 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.05 Studio—Concert by The Paradise Islanders.

1. Hula Blues, 2. South Sea Island Magic, 3. Hawaii Calls (from the Film), 4. The Palms of Paradise (from Film "Typhoon"), 5. My Blue Heaven, 6. Indian Love Call (from "Rose Marie"), 7. When You Dream About Hawaii, 8. I'll Never Smile Again.

8.33 Marek Weber & His Orchestra.

"Cavalleria—Rusticana"—Selection (Mascagni), Danube Waves—Waltz (Ivanovitch), Artist's Life—Waltz (Strauss), From Mozart's Treasure Store—Fantasia (Urbach).

9.0 London Relay—The News & News Commentary.

9.30 London Relay—Talk: 'To Talk of Many Things'.

9.45 Dance Music by Mantovani & His Orchestra.

10.15 Variety.

Comedian—Confessions of a Cheeky Chippy... Max Miller; Two Pianos—Medley, Intro: Thanks for the Memory; Two dreams got together; Don't ever change; I double dare you; Sweet as a song; Mama, I wanna make rhythm... Reginald Forsythe and Arthur Young; Sketch—Going to the Pictures... The Two Cockney Kids (Ethel Reynell and Gracie West); Organ—La Paloma (Yradler), O Sole Mio (Di Capua)... Horst Schimmelpfennig; Vocal Quintette—Daddy Wouldn't Buy Me a Bow-Wow (Tablar); Little Annie Rooney (No. 1)... The Mestros with Piano; Mouth Organ—You Can't Run Away from Love To-night; Intro: 'Cause my baby says it so; Night Over Shanghai (all from 'The Singing Marine')... Larry Adler with Orchestra; Comedian—The Girl Next Door, How the So-and-So Can I Be Happy... Max Miller.

11.00 Close Down.

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Italian Divisions Reported Cut Off

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navy will make the position hopeless. It is estimated that the front occupied by the Italians is about 30 miles wide.

It is believed that the prisoners taken yesterday were mostly Libyans.

British Navy Active
CAIRO, Dec. 10 (UP).—A naval communiqué issued to-day states during the night of December 3-9 British naval units bombarded Matruh Camp and Sidi Barrani in the support of army operations.

Few Italians Hold Out
CAIRO, Dec. 10 (UP).—A spokesman of the General Headquarters to-day said a few pockets in the Italian lines are holding out here and there in the Western Desert but "probably it won't take long to wipe them out."

"Although there is not much I can say at the present stage, I can guarantee that everything is going according to plan. The scope of the operations is still indefinite, but the fact is that so far the military authorities are very satisfied," the spokesman said.

Italian Casualties
ROME, Dec. 10 (UP).—During the month of November Italian naval casualties on all fronts totalled 89 killed, 182 wounded and 130 missing, according to to-day's official Rome communiqué.

During the same period casualties in North Africa totalled 42 killed, 107 wounded and ten missing. In East Africa the casualties were 26 killed, 70 wounded and seven missing.

Casualties among native troops totalled 59 killed, 33 wounded and four missing.

R.A.F.'S PART IN OFFENSIVE

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great damage to enemy communications and inflicted many casualties on enemy personnel by dive machine-gun attacks.

Later reconnaissance flights reported large fires west of Budbug, and in other roads enemy motor transports were burning on the road, causing dislocation of enemy troop movements.

During these intensive air operations which were continuous from dawn to dusk, only three of our aircraft failed to return to their bases, but of their pilots, two are safe within our own territory.

Italian Forces Attacked
CAIRO, Dec. 10 (Reuter).—Many tons of bombs were dropped by British planes, which varied their tactics by diving low and carrying out machine-gun attacks on enemy troops. The R.A.F. onslaughts in support of the British drive undoubtedly accounts for the absence of Italian raids on Alexandria during the recent moonlight nights.

Evidently the Italians needed every available aircraft to meet the R.A.F. Months of meticulous preparations behind the lines preceded the present action against Graziani's army, the bulk of which appears to be stationed in the region around Sollum where the frontiers of Egypt and Libya meet.

All branches of British forces in the Middle East, extending 400 miles into the desert from G.H.Q. at Cairo are perfectly co-ordinated.

COAST PORTS SET ABLAZE

FROM PAGE ONE

Channel ports last night were still blazing fiercely to-day.

This morning the haze over the Channel still glowed red, but later in the day great flames and columns of smoke rising from the French coast made a spectacular sight.

The fires appeared to be worst in and around Calais.

HITLER SPEECH

War On Capitalist Countries

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10 (Reuter).—Hitler's speech is regarded here as a "pop talk" to munitions workers, and secondly a challenge to the rest of the world, whether belligerent or not, which opposes Nazi economics.

Hitler's announcement of war on capitalism everywhere is taken here as aimed chiefly at Britain and the United States, and as final recognition that America, if not belligerent, is really in the war with Britain.

It is also considered significant that German workers needed such a "pop talk," particularly such a lengthy one.

Hitler's "Bodyguard"
BERLIN, Dec. 10 (UP).—It has been disclosed that when Hitler made his speech, he was surrounded by eight heavy anti-aircraft batteries with brilliant searchlights.

Other passengers for Hongkong included Mr. B. W. Bradbury, President of the Crispengower Cricket Club, who has been in Africa on long leave; Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Stone and two children, Mrs. L. Gillard, Miss V. M. Mitchell, Mrs. Dorothy Tang, Mrs. Beatrice Kan, Master Kan Yuet-ling, and Messrs. N. Klykkin, J. C. Walker, A. A. Prestes, C. P. Gokkian, Lim Kok-bian, and Young Yew-moyne and Wong Mun-hun, two Hongkong University students returning from Singapore.

STOCK EXCHANGE

LONDON, Dec. 10 (Reuter).—Although sentiment was brighter on the Stock Exchange, business generally ruled quiet.

Greek and Far Eastern loans, especially Chinese loans, moved higher but Brazilian were occasionally offered.

Oil met good enquiry. Anglo-Iranians advanced from 31s. 3d. to 35s.

Several individual shareholdings while Kadit dividend payers appreciated on local support.

Wall Street was quiet.

U.S. Study Of Air Training

OTTAWA, Dec. 10 (Reuter).—Lieut.-Cmdr. Wanamaker and Lieut.-Cmdr. Taylor of the United States Air Arm, have arrived here on a tour of the Dominion to study the Empire Air Training plan with a view to incorporating features of it in the American training programme.

They said that the United States coastal defence scheme will engage a force of 25,000 fully trained pilots of the naval air arm alone by 1944.

Two Spies Executed In England

LONDON, Dec. 10 (Reuter).—After the two German spies executed to-day had been arrested, they confessed and told of instructions they had received.

This fact was disclosed in a broadcast to-night by an officer whose business it is to prevent leakage of information to the enemy.

The officer stated that Waldberg may have acted from patriotic motives but Meir acted simply for money.

In addition to a wireless transmitter and a considerable sum of English money, the two men had brought "iron" (military) ration with them.

Duchess Of Windsor Has Operation

Miami, Dec. 10 (Reuter).—The Duke and Duchess of Windsor arrived here on board the yacht Southern Cross to-day.

There was a formal reception by the British Consul General, Consular officials and local authorities and a press conference was held.

The Duchess underwent a major operation this afternoon.

The doctors reported that she reacted promptly and favourably. The Duchess left the operating room 25 minutes after the anesthetic was administered.

Carnarvon Castle Sells Again

MONTVIDEO, Dec. 10 (Reuter).—The Carnarvon Castle sailed at 8.15 p.m. Q.M.T., all repairs having been completed.

H.K.-Delhi Delegates

Return To Colony

Mr. D. J. Sloss, leader of the Colony's delegation to the Empire Defence Conference in India, returned to the Colony by a Dutch motor vessel from Singapore yesterday.

Mr. J. Whyatt and Mr. E. Cock, two other delegates, also returned by the same vessel.

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HOW PENS ARE TAKEN

Mr. D. C. Longprune, of No. 1 Bungalow, Stanley, was complainant when Leung Kum-chun, 18, was charged before Mr. G. T. Lowy at Central Magistracy yesterday with attempted theft of a fountain pen, outside the Hongkong Hotel, in Pedder Street, on Monday.

The charge was denied.

Mr. Longprune said in evidence that he was walking past the doors of the Hongkong Hotel when he saw defendant raising one arm and using the other to feel the top pocket of his jacket, and he caught hold of defendant.

Pedder Street was comparatively crowded at that time, but not too much so. After catching hold of the youth, he took him down the street in search of a policeman, and during this time defendant kept on repeating "Sorry, sorry." Defendant had attempted to take his fountain pen.

Leung said that he was walking along Pedder Street, which was crowded. He accidentally bumped into complainant, but had not attempted to take complainant's fountain pen.

Defendant was convicted, and Det.-Sergeant Summers, who prosecuted, said he had two previous convictions.

Sentence of two months' hard labour was imposed.

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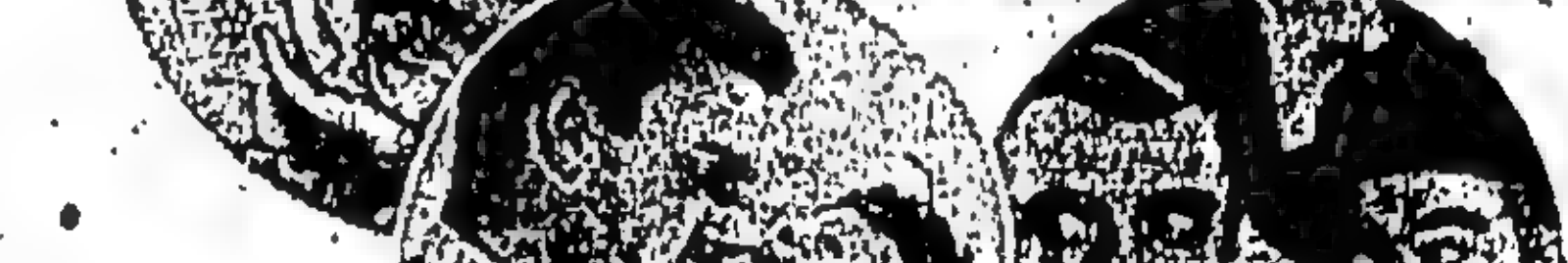
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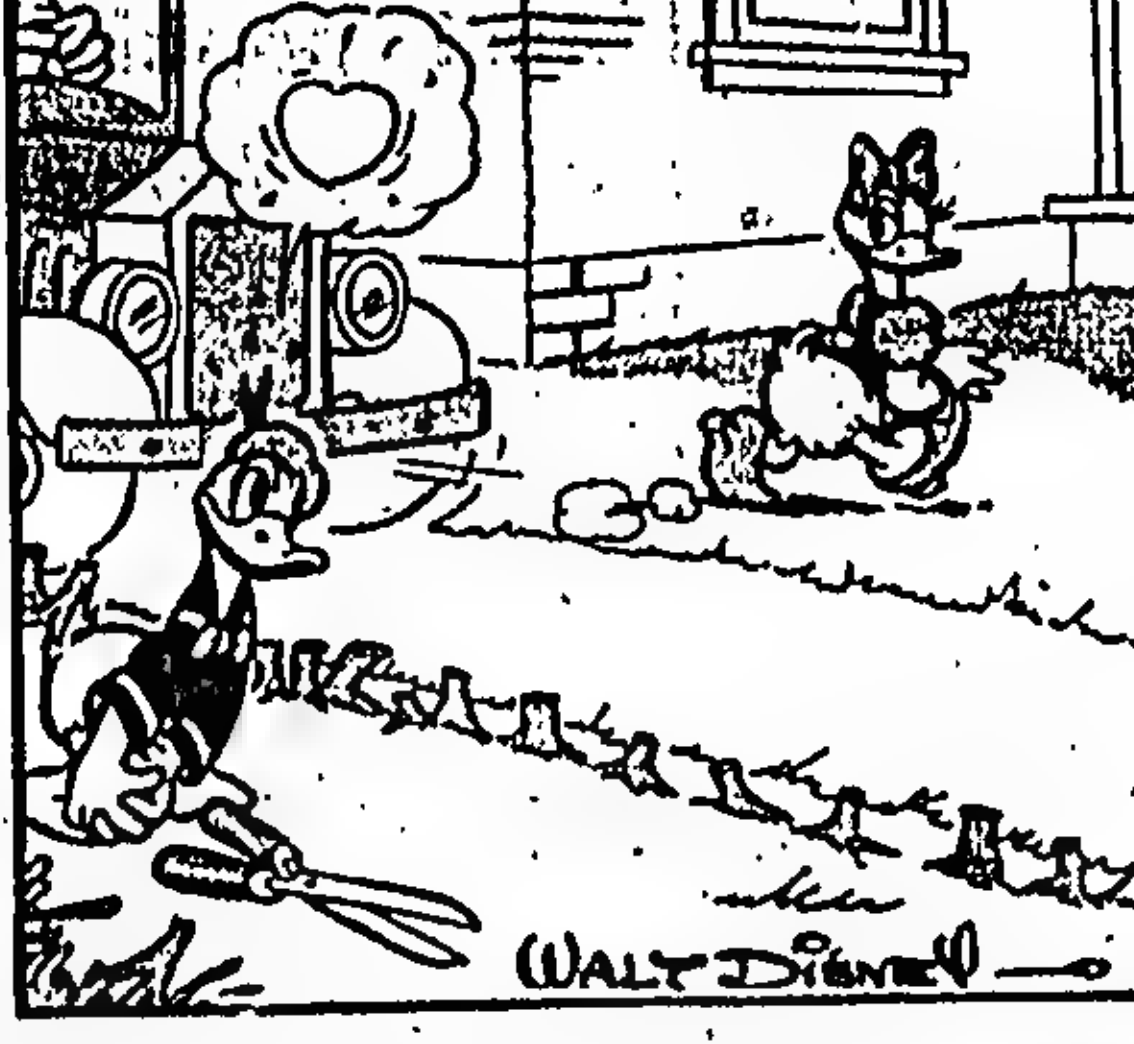
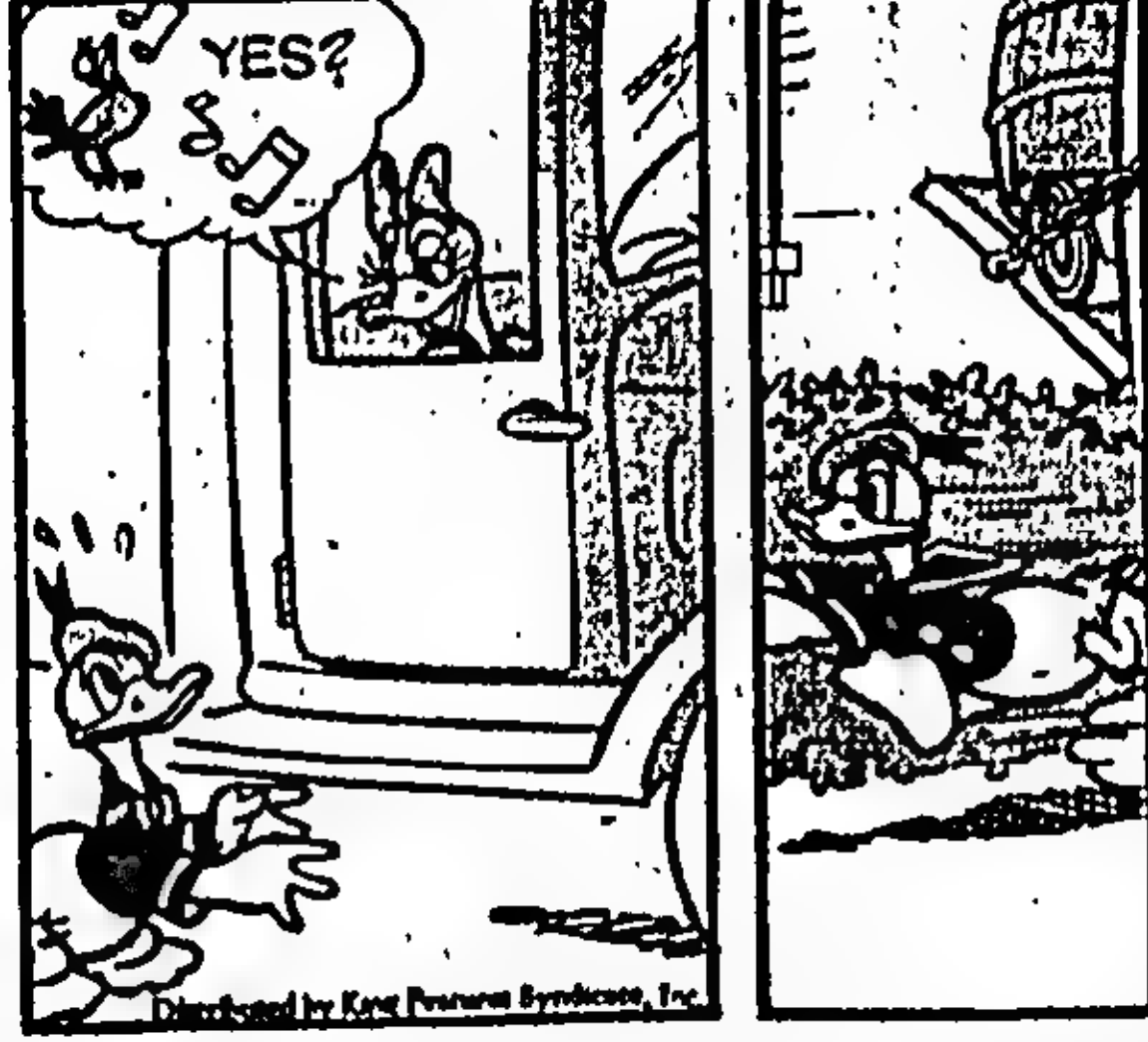
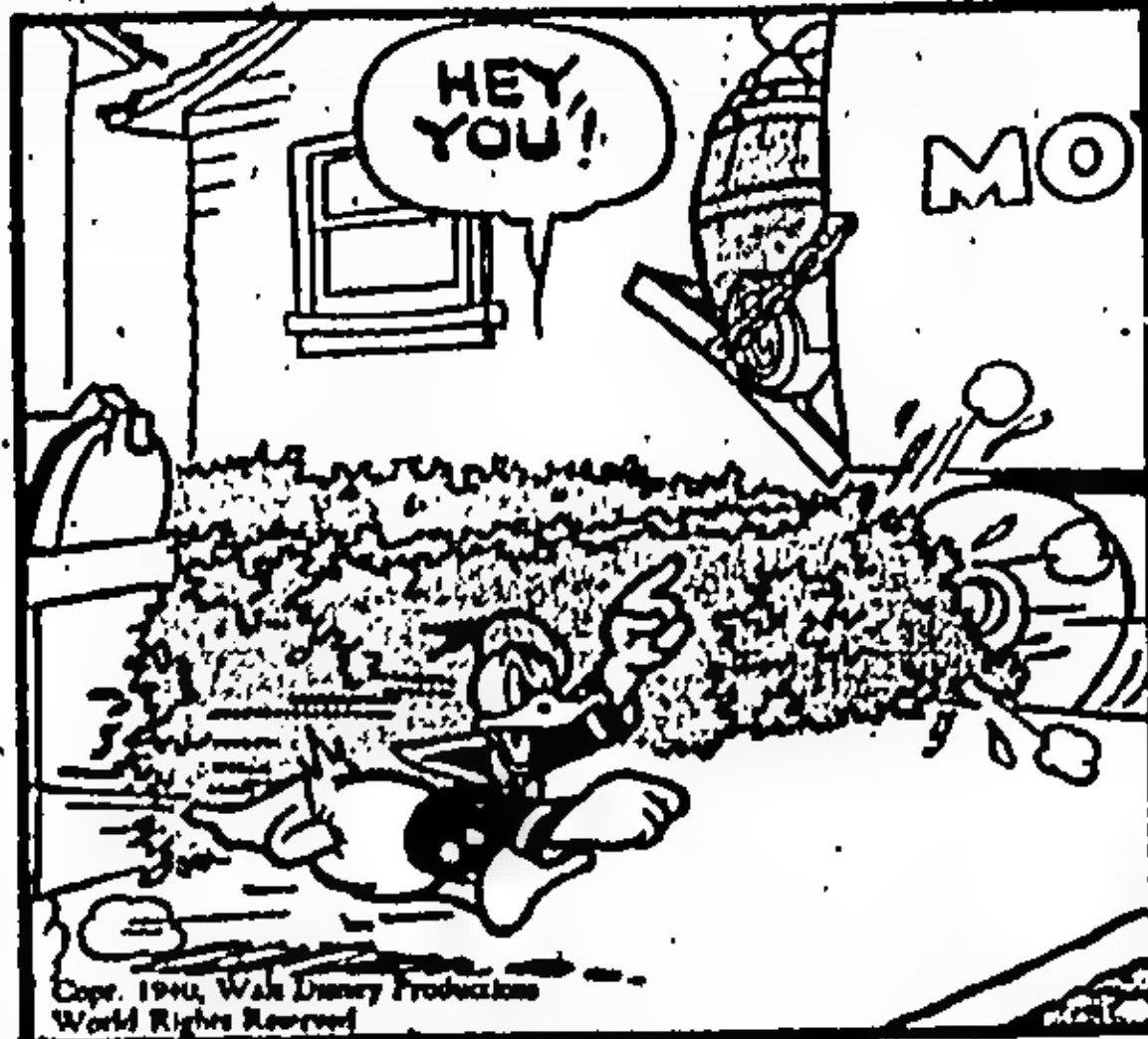
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Chapter Three

PRIDE BECOMES PREJUDICE

At dusk, the guests gathered in the drawing room for music and refreshments, Elizabeth and Mr. Darcy and Miss Bingley since their encounter on the archery field. Yet, she found no comfort indoors. She remained on the sidelines with her father, her heart pounding with embarrassment for him and herself. Nothing could stop Mrs. Bennet's repeated cries of delight at the splendour of Mr. Bingley's hospitality, nor could anyone hush her whispered yet distinct remarks about that gentleman's pre-occupation with Jane.

Elizabeth seized her father's arm in despair. Her sister Mary, whose vocalizing set the Bennet family on edge at home, was succumbing to her mother's insistence that she sing. Mr. Bennet groaned, and Mary, with much simpering and curtsying, took her place at the piano and began her dismal warbling.

Song followed song, until, provoked by Elizabeth, Mr. Bennet forbade Mary to sing any longer.

Elizabeth, her cheeks hot, made for the refreshment room. At one glance she took in the picture of her sisters, Lydia and Kitty, at the punchbowl, surrounded by flashy young officers.

She rushed back to the drawing room in despair. Her mother's voice sounded clear and distinct. Mrs. Bennet was holding court at one side of the room, repeating for the benefit of all and sundry, that Mr. Bingley had not, even for the briefest moment, relaxed his devoted attentions to her Jane.

Elizabeth wheeled about at the sound of another strident voice. Her cousin, Mr. Collins, was seated in conversation with her dearest friend, Charlotte Lucas. But it was a one-sided discussion, with the clergyman booming away about the marvellous condescension of Lady de Bourgh, patroness of his parish. She was so condescendingly charming, she even permitted him to greet her, he cried.

Elizabeth made for the terrace as one trying to awaken from a bad dream. Miss Bingley intercepted her.

"Let me congratulate you, Miss Eliza," Caroline sneered venomously.

"On what?" faltered Elizabeth. "On your family," A cousin distinguished for his wit and important connections. Two young sisters who are the toast of the officers' mess. A mother who is a most diverting conversationalist; to say nothing of your own dexterity with the bow and arrow. Such an interesting and accomplished family—and family is so important!"

Elizabeth turned and, ran, her eyes smoldering with tears of chagrin. Outside on the terrace, she leaned her head against one of

the columns and sobbed out her heart.

Darcy found her there.

"Is there something I can do?" he asked with deep concern.

"You can allow me to make a fool of myself alone," she said tersely. "Isn't that what I did this afternoon when I defended Mr. Wickham at the archery field?" "I rather admire what you did this afternoon," he answered quietly. "Your resentment at what you believed an injustice showed courage and loyalty. I wish I might possess a friend who defended me as ably as Mr. Wickham was defended to-day."

Elizabeth stared at him through her tears. There was no questioning the man's sincerity.

"You're very puzzling, Mr. Darcy," she said, at length. "At this moment it is difficult to believe you are so arrogant and proud."

He smiled tenderly. "And, at the moment, it is difficult to believe you are so prejudiced. I believe you are so prejudiced."

"What do you say we wipe the slate clean and start again, Miss Elizabeth?"

Before she could answer, her mother's voice floated out to the terrace.

"I must insist on your looking at Jane and Mr. Bingley," Mrs. Bennet was exclaiming. "That week she was ill at Netherfield completed the conquest. Wasn't it clever of me to send her over in the rain?"

Elizabeth flushed in an agony of shame.

The gay, sensitive smile which had been warming Darcy's visage faded.

Mrs. Bennet's voice sailed out to them again, but before either could discern her words, Elizabeth collected herself.

"If you'll excuse me—" she began brokenly.

"Permit me to take you inside," he replied coldly.

As they turned to the door, Kitty stumbled drunkenly out of the house, Lydia, screaming hilariously, followed, a veritable parade of roaring officers at her heels.

Elizabeth stepped back in utter dismay.

Through the open door came Mr. Bingley's voice calling partners to dance the Highland reel.

"Such a gay dance, the reel—" she pleaded desperately to Darcy.

He nodded frigidly. "Allow me to take you to the drawing room, Miss Elizabeth. There must be many young men there wishing to dance with you."

She held back her tears, and with head high, preceded him into the house. They had advanced but a few steps, when her cousin, Mr. Collins, rushed up to them. "Mr. Darcy!" he cried. "Do you know that your aunt, Lady de Bourgh, is my patroness?"

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Disdaining to reply, Darcy bowed to Elizabeth and strode off.

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YESTERDAY'S HISTORY FOR TO-DAY

Often the complaint is heard that too many of our public leaders appeal to the records of history for inspiration, comforting parallel, and guidance in these stressful days. People object that it is useless now to recall the deeds of Drake, Frobiisher, Wellington, Nelson, or to recount the failures of Napoleon or of Wilhelm. Weapons are different, they say, the character of warfare is different, and so historical parallels do nothing but confuse and delude the public.

There is some reason in these complaints. The tendency to look backward instead of forward has long been a weakness of western democracies, in comparison with the practice of the dictatorship. Too much reliance on the tactics and military thought of the past has sometimes proved tragic—it played its part in France's collapse—but it has, in spite of all this, been demonstrated again and again that there are two unshakable reasons why the appeal to history should not always play us false. One of these reasons is geography; the other is heredity. The influence of these things cannot be shattered by blitzkrieg, tank or bomber.

The great man of the past, the Nelsons and the Wellingtons, and those who served under them, bequeathed us not only a great tradition, but their own qualities of courage and determination. Other peoples within the British Commonwealth have their own heroes, their own honoured ancestors, and their deeds still inspire, their blood lives on. Indeed, the nation that forgets its heroes is in danger of losing its life.

History repeats itself, because grandsons are like grandfathers, and because climate and physical geography are unchangeable cen-

tury by century. No matter how powers wax and wane, islands and seas and continents remain the same.

So it is that the English Channel still separates England and France, whether it is Hitler or Napoleon who is at Calais. The British Isles still stand sentinel over Europe's northern coast, and Gibraltar over the entrance to the Mediterranean, as they did when Pitt's blockade broke the Continental system.

Sea power is just as vital to-day as it was when Napoleon dreamed of a world empire. These are facts now, even as they are facts in history. The countries of the British Empire are scattered through seven continents. This is their handicap in massing for a concentrated blow, or keeping the less self-sufficient members fed and furnished when an enemy besets them. At the same time it is their strength against a foe who relies on a sudden smashing effort to destroy a national fortress and compel an immediate surrender.

There is no single Empire Maginot Line to be penetrated, no one solitary fortress to be overthrown. Its defences are miles in depth, and skies and the oceans are its allies, even as they are the symbols of its freedom. Thus it is to-day. So it was in history. "These are the truths of the world and earth" that have made the Empire great, and that will make it greater.

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**MUSSOLINI'S CUP
 OF BITTERNESS**

MUSSOLINI'S cup of bitter-
 ness is precious near to over-
 flowing. All his best (but not
 very cleverly) laid schemes are
 going so sadly astray that the
 glittering prizes which he
 believed he held within his
 grasp after the capitulation of
 France are rapidly turning into
 hot coals, which will maim and
 render him harmless for the
 rest of his life.

Two months ago Il Duce and
 his now-disgraced military
 chiefs were secretly exulting
 over the possibilities of a cam-
 paign, which was not only to
 earn for Italy a highly strate-
 gical stronghold of the eastern
 Mediterranean, but which was
 to pave the way for a gloriously
 successful offensive in Egypt.
 The psychological effect of the
 defeat of Greece, with its ac-
 companying threat to Palestine
 and Egypt, was to provide Il
 Duce with his trump card in
 dealing with British opposition.
 He figured on new submarine
 bases at Crete which would not
 only permit him to bottle up the
 Aegean Sea (thus blunting the effect
 of any move which Turkey might
 make on behalf of the Allies), but
 which would also provide him with
 the chances of creating a new sea
 lane for the transfer of troops and
 equipment to his Libyan base. From
 that point would begin the mighty
 drive towards the Suez.

But what has happened? His
 armies have been ignominiously
 defeated in the field by the Greeks,
 who, benefiting from sound, and
 quite often inspired leadership, have
 driven the Italian invaders from
 their land and are now in the process
 of completing their destruction in
 Albania. A shattering blow to the
 gaudy dreams of the Roman dictator,
 and sufficient to provide precisely
 that psychological position for the
 British which Il Duce fondly believed
 would be at his disposal.

The Italian forces now face a
 two-way blitzkrieg. Facing the
 movement with careful precision,
 Britain's desert armies have begun
 an offensive against Graziani's
 forces, which succeeded some time
 ago in penetrating into the Western
 Desert, while simultaneously the
 Greeks continue their inexorable
 drive into Albania. In short, posi-
 tions have been completely reversed.
 Mussolini is strictly on the defensive;
 not only militarily, but domestically.
 Rome propaganda efforts to dismiss
 the wholesale reshuffle in Italian
 military commands as being delibe-
 rate and desirable are natural, but
 unconvincing; the changes are too
 sweeping, they betoken desperation.
 The British offensive in the desert,
 together with the Greek achieve-
 ments in Albania, provides for the
 Allies some of the most stimulating
 news since the start of the war
 against the totalitarian Vandals.



One of the scenic wonders of Australia—"The Three Sisters," in the Blue
 Mountains of New South Wales.

**A Hongkong Evacuee
 Discovers Australia**

As the weeks slip away months, the women of Hongkong are gradually settling down in their new homes in Australia. There are nearly a thousand Hongkong women in Sydney. Since their arrival they have found accommodation in different suburbs; they have arranged weekly meetings with each other, whilst their children are busily making new friends at various schools.

However, the task of settling down and becoming acquainted with all the freshness and beauty of the scenery here has taken considerable time. Lodged at the back of every mind is the eternal question, "When will we return to our husbands and homes?" This, in itself, has proved a stumbling block to many who find that settling down in a new country is no easy matter.

There are many who still com-
 plain bitterly although, fortun-
 ately, they are in the minority.
 The others have philosophically
 set themselves out to study their
 new neighbours.

As an evacuee, I can under-
 stand their various points of
 view. But I have come to love
 my new home with its beauty
 and variety of scene and its
 hospitable people.

After many years in Hong-
 kong, I find the change delight-
 ful. Every day, with the help of a
 newly-acquired guide book, I dis-
 cover something new and excit-
 ing. I often wonder what my
 impressions of our Colony will be
 when I return.

The beaches, birds, animals,
 flowers and the language are a
 few of the many subjects which
 have proved of interest.

Never have I seen such won-
 derful beaches with their
 deep blue waters sparkling
 in the sun, the white capped
 surf dashing itself onto beaches
 of fine, white sand. During the
 warm week-ends, thousands
 journey to the beaches and
 spend their days in glorious fun.
 Of course, it is difficult for us to
 enjoy a beach without the com-
 forts of a matched and coolies
 to wash our tiffin dishes. But,
 on the whole, I would rather
 join these crowds of friendly
 holiday makers and sit beside

them on a beach whilst they
 frolic around me.

Then there are the birds, ani-
 mals and flowers which have
 proved so interesting. The
 kookaburra, a wise-looking little
 bird, with an oversized head, has
 appealed to me since I first saw

In October, the wistaria was
 in bloom and I was fortunate to
 see these beautiful blossoms at
 Vauluse House. This delight-
 ful old place, once the home of
 William Charles Wentworth, the
 Father of the Constitution,
 has been placed under the con-
 trol of a trust and is open for
 public inspection.

Preserved there are many re-
 lies of the early days of colonial
 settlement. Originally, it was
 the home of Sir Henry Browne
 Hayes, an Irishman. Shortly
 after settling there, he pur-
 chased five hundred barrels of
 peat soil from Ireland. This ar-
 rived on a special boat. On a
 St. Patrick's Day, he took the
 peat and with it filled a trench
 six feet deep and two feet wide,
 running right round the house.
 This was done in order to keep
 the snakes away. I have not
 been able to discover whether
 St. Patrick or the peat proved to
 be of any assistance in the mat-
 ter.

The people here have been
 friendly and hospitable to many
 Hongkong women. I like them.
 By our tongues they know that we
 are not Australians. This fact alone
 has brought me into conversation
 with innumerable people in shops,
 buses and trams.

These have included an old man
 in the Botanic Gardens who of-
 fered to give me dozens of racing
 tips; a bus conductor who wanted
 me to meet another passenger be-
 cause he had an English accent and
 an old lady who commenced by ad-
 miring my hat and then gave me
 her life history.

Everyone is friendly and helpful—
 even the clerks in the banks. What
 a delightful experience!

I find myself making friends easi-
 ly with the Australians and using
 their slang expressions which always
 seem to describe exactly what is
 meant. I am beginning to under-
 stand many expressions and do not
 hesitate now to use them in general
 conversation.

I've seen the aboriginals at La
 Perouse and most of the historical
 sights. I've heard a Maori singing
 their hauntingly beautiful farewell
 song. I've joined in community
 singing concerts and seen real live
 Australian cowboys buck-jumping.
 In fact, I have tried to see, talk to
 and visit everything of interest.
 Whenever I hear I will never for-
 get my first four months residence
 in Sydney.

But, above all else, I've seen our
 harbour bridge. By the way, it may
 not be generally known that Sydney
 is three hours ahead of Melbourne!
 The three comprise our harbour, our
 bridge and our Bradman!

**Musso's
 Swan(k)
 Song**

"HO, I have a Fleet that none can
 beat,"
 Cries Musso, the doughty Dago.
 "It preserves its paint with great
 restraint,
 As it hides in an archipelago."

"We have such fun at tip and run,
 Things really are exciting,
 But we don't go far from the har-
 bour bar,
 It's a safer game than fighting."

"I thrust my chin with warlike grin,
 And Black Shirts holla 'Vivas,'
 They gulp my bluff on the Sea King
 stuff,
 As becomes all true believers."

"So turn about, don't venture out,
 My grand Italian Navy,
 Stay nearer Rome, you're best at
 home,
 Then you won't get sent to
 Davy."

H. C. L.

**WITH THE
 GUNS**

By G. LESLIE CARTER

"TARGET!"

Hardly it seemed, had
 the bombardier shouted—
 almost screamed—the word
 than the guns were brought
 to bear and fired.

It was the opening of the great
 battle over the Thames Estuary
 on Saturday afternoon when 500
 enemy aircraft carried out their
 biggest raid of the war on the
 London docks. I was standing in the command
 post of an A.A. gun site in Essex.
 Minutes before the alarm had
 sounded bells had shrilled, a
 suspended brake-drum was
 clanged. The gunners in the
 midst of tea, run to their stations
 with mouths still crammed with
 bread-and-butter.

In the post the plotter was
 marking on his special map the
 course of the raid. We were at
 our posts before they had crossed
 the coast.

Puffs of Smoke
 Then came the report that mas-
 formations of enemy bombers were
 approaching a spot where they
 would be in range of our guns.
 The guns were brought to bear
 in the direction the raiders were
 taking. From miles away across
 the river gunfire was heard.
 Suddenly, in the clear blue sky,
 four little puffs of smoke
 blossomed.

Suddenly we saw them, the
 leaders flying in echelon, the
 remainder surrounded by the
 puffs of smoke which by now
 had become more dense.

"Target!"
 Orders rapped out, rounds were
 slammed in the guns. Eyes were
 glued to the special telescope, a
 spotter reported, "Down!"
 "Puff!" the blast of the gun-
 bullets my tin hat, dust flew into
 my eyes. There was an odd rush-
 ing noise as the shells fled
 upward. We could see the
 machines clearly now, great twin-
 engine bombers flying steadily in
 formation. Above them tiny silver
 specks flew back and forth—the
 escort of Messerschmitt fighters.

New puffs—our shells—joined
 the barrage of splinters as there
 came the formation, rattled, flew on,
 others looming up in its wake, but
 weaving in and out.
 Minutes after there came the
 deeper earth-shuddering explosion
 of a bomb. Then others.

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JAPAN'S BUDGET

All-Time Record Expenditure

Tokyo, Dec. 10.
The Cabinet met at the Premier's residence this afternoon to inaugurate deliberation on the all-time record Budget for the 1941-42 fiscal year, aiming at the construction of a highly-organized national defence state via-a-via the new international situation consequent on the conclusion of the Japan-German-Italian triple alliance.

The General Budget as presented to the Budget session of the Cabinet Council amounts to Yen 6,863,000,000, increasing by Yen 1,041,000,000 over the original amount of the working Budget reaching Yen 5,822,000,000. Negotiations are still going on between the Finance Ministry and the War and Navy Ministries regarding the extraordinary military budget which is not likely to be determined until early next spring. If the extraordinary budget is fixed at this year's level of Yen 4,400,000,000, the total Budget for the coming fiscal year will rise to the record high of Yen 11,000,000,000.

General features of the Revenue and Expenditure of the proposed Budget follow:

Revenue:
Ordinary Yen 3,780,000,000
Special Yen 3,073,000,000
Total Yen 6,853,000,000

Revenue sources include:
3,600,000,000 from taxes, Yen 145,000,000 from stamp duties, Yen 515,000,000 from Government enterprises and properties, Yen 397,000,000 from transfers from special accounts and donations, and Yen 150,000,000 from miscellaneous sources, Yen 1,880,000,000 from bonds, and Yen 80,000,000 from the surplus of the previous year, the total reaching Yen 6,853,000,000.

Expenditure:
Ordinary Yen 3,320,000,000
Special Yen 3,543,000,000
Total Yen 6,863,000,000

Allocations to various Ministries:
Imperial Household Yen 4,000,000
Foreign Yen 70,000,000
Home Yen 597,000,000
Finance Yen 2,125,000,000
War Yen 1,387,000,000
Navy Yen 1,241,000,000
Justice Yen 61,000,000
Education Yen 213,000,000
Agriculture and Forestry Yen 228,000,000
Commerce and Industry Yen 108,000,000
Communications Yen 468,000,000
Overseas Yen 85,000,000
Welfare Yen 180,000,000
Total Yen 6,863,000,000

Ministry Estimates
Meanwhile, new enterprises to be undertaken by various Ministries under the Budget for the next fiscal year, include: Foreign Ministry: expenditure in connection with the European war Yen 1,000,000; management of new Consulates Yen 300,000; additional expenditure in the China Affair Yen 1,000,000.
Finance Ministry: additions to the sinking fund Yen 87,000,000; expenditure of the Information Board Yen 2,000,000; expenditure for cultural enterprises in Asia Yen 10,000,000; and increased subsidy to the Kwangtung Board Yen 5,000,000.
Communications Ministry: subsidy to shipping lines Yen 8,000,000; increases in pension Yen 60,000,000; subsidy to air transport Yen 3,000,000; expenditure for the training of aircraft personnel Yen 9,000,000.
Overseas Ministry: expenditure for the settlement of immigrants in Manchuria Yen 40,000,000.
The Public Welfare Ministry's budget of Yen 180,000,000 represents an increase of Yen 30,000,000 on the present year's budget.
New items include Yen 57,000,000 for military relief and Yen 5,000,000 for sanatoriums for wounded servicemen.—Domest.

Cabinet Approves
Tokyo, Dec. 10.
The budget was approved by the Cabinet following an extraordinary meeting this afternoon.
Significance is seen in the new Budget which is designed to make provision for Japan's positive participation in the epochal international changes as a member of the tripartite axis and also for meeting the new phase of the China Affair following adjustment of relations with the new National Government of China.—Domest.

Raider Caught

New York, Dec. 10.
The National Broadcasting Corporation reported to-day that the British Broadcasting Corporation had announced that a British cruiser had captured a German raider in the South Atlantic and had put a prize crew aboard.—United Press.

Parade Of Wardens

In connection with the inspection of the Corps of Air Raid Wardens by His Excellency the Acting Governor, it is announced that owing to unforeseen circumstances it will not be possible for His Excellency to inspect the Corps on Sunday, December 22, and the inspection will therefore take place on Saturday, December 21, at 3.30 p.m.
The Chief Air Raid Warden, Hongkong, appeals to all employers of labour who have on their staffs Air Raid Wardens, to give the latter every facility for attending the parade.

EVACUATION COMMITTEE
The Evacuation Representation Committee held a private session at the Peninsula Hotel yesterday, when the financial aspects of the evacuation were investigated.
A communique on the decisions reached will be issued to the Press, shortly.



SYMPATHETIC SOVEREIGN—Britain's King George, who takes it with his family despite Nazi bombers over capital city, chats with 85-year-old Mrs. Ingleton, who lost her home.

Bullet-Proof Vests Find New Markets

LONDON, (UP).—The market for bullet-proof vests may have virtually vanished in the United States with the repeal of prohibition, but wars in the Far East, Spain and now in Europe have reopened a field that promises to boost sales far beyond those made during America's gangster era.

Already the vests, made of strips of hardened steel sewn in canvas, are being displayed in swanky London tailor shops, one of them within Tommy-gun range of the United States Embassy in Grosvenor Square.

The vests are made in England by the Wilkinson Sword Company, whose head, Frank Barrett, conceived them in 1915 during the World War. The first vests were bulky, heavy affairs, but the modern streamlined versions fit snugly beneath a suit coat.

The biggest demand in the new European war has been from gunners in the Royal Air Force, but increased sales to members of all armed forces is expected.

Three models are offered. For \$22 you can buy an eight-pound waistcoat which "protects the body from shrapnel, bomb splinters and spent bullets."

Type 2, which will "resist a .45 revolver bullet and some automatic pistol bullets at any range," retails for \$29. It weighs 12 pounds.

For \$35, you can obtain a 20-pound "very protective garment to resist revolver and automatic pistol bullets at any range."

Prohibition Days

An official of the firm recalled that during the prohibition era the company received many orders from the United States.

"Quite often," he said, "a swarthy-looking individual would come in and lay down two or three hundred pounds for bullet-proof vests. Then he would come around in a couple of days and pick up the order in a taxicab."

Orders also were received from American police departments, he said.

Senator Asked For Draft Card

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30 (UP).—The first man to be asked for his card proving he had registered for military service was Minnesota's new Senator, Joseph H. Ball—and he had to show it to new conscription Superintendent, Clarence A. Dykstra.

Ball and Dykstra rode to the capital on the same train. They had not met before.

Dykstra, advised that Senator Ball was within the registration age, waited on a platform at Union Station and asked the new Senator to show his card.

Ball fumbled through some papers in his wallet and then showed the important card.

A.R.P. WORKERS AT SIMLA

At a big rally at Viceregal Lodge, Simla, last month, Lady Lillington inspected a large number of persons who had undergone instruction in the courses organised by the Simla branch of the St. John Ambulance Association in first aid and A.R.P. work. She also presented certificates and medals.

BRITISH CREDITS TO CHINA

—Ten Millions

London, Dec. 10.
Britain has agreed in principle to lend £10,000,000 to China.

Announcing this decision, in the Commons to-day, Mr. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, said an advance of £5,000,000 would be made to the Chinese Stabilisation Fund. The remaining £5,000,000 would be made available for purchases in any part of the sterling area.

The Chinese Government has been informed of the decision and requested to make arrangements for the early negotiation of the preliminary technical agreement on which the possibility of these further credits depends.

Explaining the necessity for the sterling area proviso Mr. Butler said the British Government had to conserve gold and America dollar resources for essential war needs of the sterling area, hence they could not offer to China American dollars or sterling which could be converted into dollars.—Reuter.

Aid Through Dutch

New York, Dec. 10.
A three-cornered transaction in which the United States would make a considerable loan to the Netherlands and the Netherlands would lend this amount to Britain is one suggestion which is attracting attention among those engaged on the problem of aid for Britain, says the Herald-Tribune's Washington correspondent. It is claimed that this method would avoid violating either the Johnson or Neutrality Acts.—Reuter.

Relief For Spain

Washington, Dec. 9.
Again questioned at the Press Conference regarding American assistance to Spain, the Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, denied the reports interpreting the statement issued by him on Saturday as confirming that the United States is negotiating a \$100,000,000 loan.

Mr. Hull declared that he only said that discussions were going on concerning food relief. He reiterated that he had never heard of any question of credits being discussed. He refused to say whether present plans envisage sending of food supplies gratis or involve a financing arrangement.—Domest.

Hindu Association Officers

The Hindu Association, Hongkong, recently held its sixth annual general meeting and elected the following office-bearers for the year 1940-41:

President: Mr. J. K. Kripalani; Vice-Presidents: Dr. D. K. Samyapillai, Mr. A. Vaswani, Mr. D. Vaswani; Hon. General Secretary, Mr. M. R. Deb; Hon. Joint Secretaries, Mr. B. Datta, Mr. J. Kima; Hon. Treasurer: Messrs. Wassell and Assomull and Co.

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Hon. Auditors: Mr. D. S. Dings, Mr. K. Ram, Mr. S. L. Ratnam.

Juliana For America

Washington, Dec. 10.
Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt announced to-day that Princess Juliana, of the Netherlands, would shortly visit America from Ottawa. She would be a guest at the White House from December 18 to 20 and then go to New York where she would spend two days in order to enable her to return to Ottawa to spend Christmas with her children.—United Press.

Beaverbrook thanks you!

A cable from Lord Beaverbrook, Minister for Aircraft Production, to the South China Morning Post, states:

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Around The Courses GAME TAKES HOLD IN MACAO

Further Improvements Are Yet Necessary

Draw For Country Club Junior Championship

(By "Birdie")

IT WAS NOT to be expected that within the short period of incubation that the new course at Macao would vie with those in Hongkong, and Colony golfers went over there on Saturday last with open minds. They had no preconceived ideas of perfect conditions and consequently were not disappointed.

Work on the course started only two months ago, and it was the initiative of the Committee of the Tennis Civil Club that gave birth to the Golf Club, which is really another section of that Club.

It is a 9-hole course situated inside the Macao Jockey Club race track—as is the Happy Valley Club. Its total length is 2,163 metres, which is about 2,380 yards. Longest hole is the Fifth, which is about 430 yards, and shortest is the Second—about 140 yards.

In the middle of the course is a pond which is approximately 110 yards by 45, and this constitutes the main hazard, serving as it does the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 6th holes.

Apart from improvements that can be made in the layout, of primary importance is the levelling of the greens. These, at the moment, are of hard grass and are anything but smooth. In the opening match on Saturday it was nothing unusual to take three or four or even five putts.

But the Club has no pretensions in this respect. They are aware of the shortcomings of the course, and are ready to welcome suggestions for its improvement, for Golf has arrived to stay in Macao.

It does seem quite certain, though, that once the Club gets going and the improvements are made to the course, it is going to be a great and added attraction to the Portuguese Colony.

DRAW for the first round of the Junior Championship at the Country Club, Shéungshui, was made yesterday, and is appended below. Quite some difficulty was experienced in reaching the required number of entries, and in this the least was the prevailing custom that past Junior Champions should not take part again. It did strike me that a number of people who have won the "Junior" have remained in the "Junior" class.

The draw is:
W. C. Hung v. C. S. Thom
H. R. Pinn v. C. E. Marques
A. A. Guterres v. C. H. Busto
M. F. Pinn v. C. R. Pereira
A. R. Pinn v. T. K. Chow
K. C. Lee v. W. G. Williams
A. T. Lee v. Geo. Lee
K. T. Oei v. R. E. Lee

The First Round matches are to be played this Sunday, but certain concessions are being made to those players who, through volunteer duties are unable to attend this week-end.

I read an article the other day in a Singapore paper that should be of interest to golfers if only academically. The secret

Football

Twelve Teams Entered For Senior Shield

DRAW for the First Round of the Senior and Junior Shield football competitions will be made this evening at the monthly meeting of the Hongkong Football Assn. Council.

Twelve teams have entered for the Senior trophy, and twenty-two for the Junior. These are:
SENIOR SHIELD—Club, Kowloon, St. Joseph's, Police, Middlesex, Royal Scots, Navy, South China, Eastern, Sing Tao and 8/12th Royal Artillery.
JUNIOR SHIELD—Club, Kowloon, St. Joseph's, Police, Middlesex, Royal Scots, Navy, South China, Eastern, Sing Tao (2), Engineers, International, 12th R.A., Kil Chee, Ordnance, Signals, 30th R.A., Service Corps, Medicals, 24th R.A. and 30th R.A.

—as it is called—was discovered through research by an American doctor.

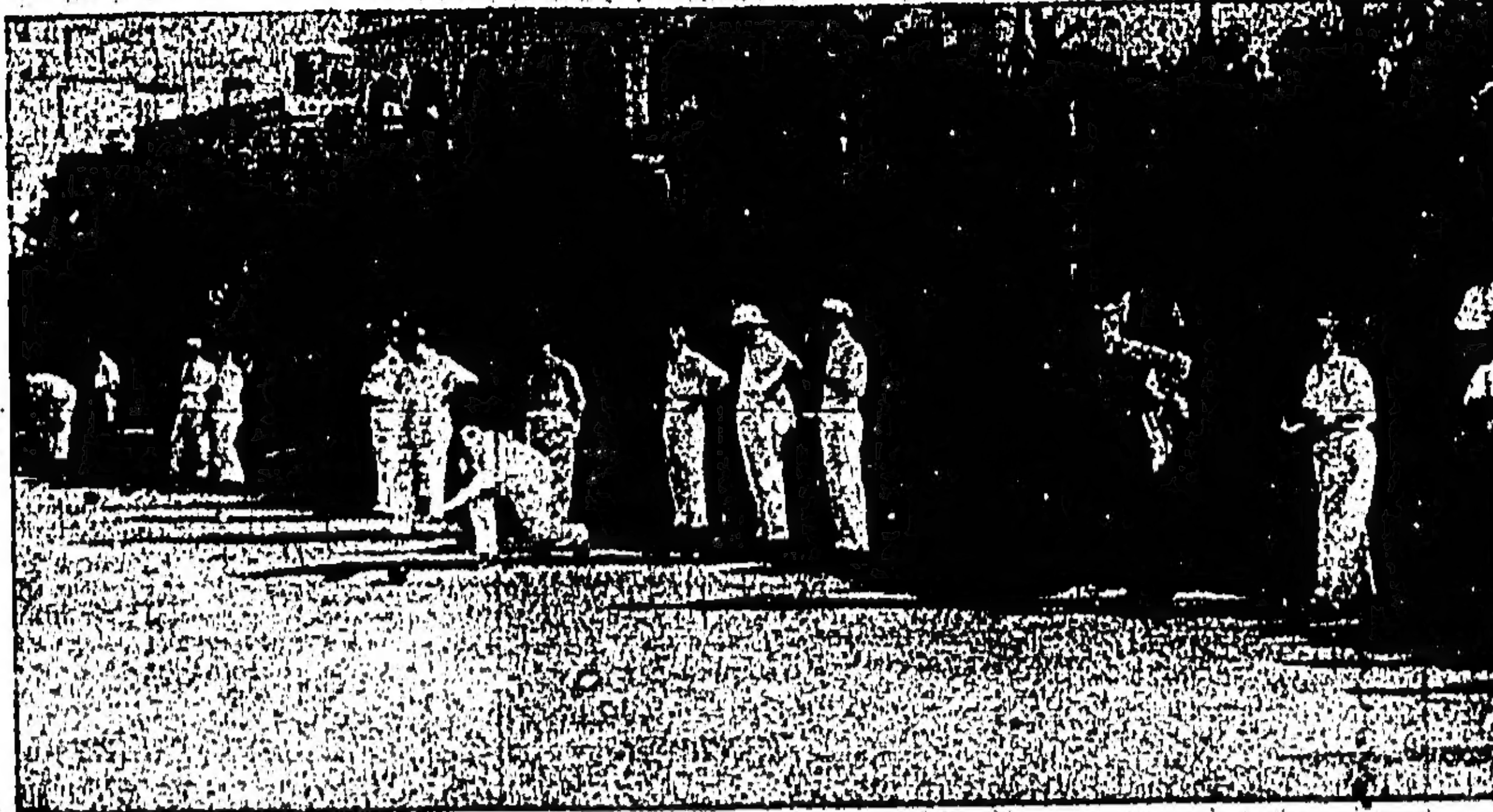
He found that between the 11th and 15th holes of a singles match, and between the 9th and 10th holes of a foursomes, the amount of sugar in the blood was below fasting level, and this sugar decrease caused fatigue with its consequent loss of accuracy and concentration. This golfing medico tried his solution out on 30 healthy golfers and found that it worked.

His solution was that eating a more "ketogenic" lunch (whatever that is) or eating sweets or toffees about the eighth hole overcame the lassitude.

All I have found during a round of golf, and that during the summer was that near the 9th and 10th one raised a thirst that even Kipling could not have known.

THREE first round matches for the Ladies Cup (on handicap) were played last week-end. In these Mrs. F. E. D'Almada Remedios easily beat Mrs. K. T. Oei, and Miss M. C. Churn beat Miss E. Heang on the last putt. The third game between Miss M. B. Churn and Mrs. A. G. Botelho ended all square and in the darkness.

QUALIFIERS for the Captain's Cup competition were W. C. Hung 76, and A. A. Guterres 82. First round matches in this competition will be played on January 12.



The annual Societies lawn bowls match in progress at the Kowloon Bowling Green Club last Saturday. St. Andrew's Society beat St. George's by 57 shots.—Ming Yuen.

Billiards

Enjoyable Contests At Y. M. C. A.

The "Billiards Evening" sponsored by the European Y.M.C.A. and organised by Mr. C. Terrans yesterday proved a great success. Novelty contests were held during the evening, one of which was the playing of a game with a plate on the table. Scores to count were those made without touching the plate. Mr. T. Huber was the winner.

A novelty break competition was won by Mr. W. E. Moreland, while in the exhibition match which concluded the evening's entertainment, Mr. M. N. Rakusen beat Mr. A. P. Pereira 250-205.

Footballers Coping With Air Raid Alarms

FOOTBALL LEAGUE clubs may soon have their own air raid spotters. Stadium stewards will be perched on grandstand roofs, searching the sky so matches may carry through an alert without crowd-killing interruptions, unless real danger is over-head.

Play will be discontinued for moments only while fans are marshalled into safe positions. After backstage debate it was officially announced that football authorities may shortly seek amendment of the regulation that orders suspension of games until the "raiders passed" signal sounds.

Football League Secretary Horwath said: "When the original regulations were laid down, air raids were the 'danger' signal. Now they are regarded as an 'alert' it is widely felt that football might carry on, as does industry. An amendment to that effect is likely to be sought."

"JIM CROWS"

CLUBS are so keen on the idea that some have already laid plans for recruiting the most reliable ground stewards as probable "Jim Crows," and sending them to official centres to take courses in roof spotting. Another big point weighing with the soccer bosses is that these often avoidable interruptions are making it difficult for service and war-working players to get through and back to their units and depots at the proper time.

C. C. C. Cricket Teams

In their cricket match against Kowloon C.C. on Saturday, the Craigengower C.C. will be represented by: G. Souza (Capt.), A. M. Omar, J. W. Leonard, D. J. Bullman, A. J. Hulse, A. Lee, A. B. Hanson, B. J. France, W. Hong Sling, J. Youngs, A. H. Kneal, R. Reeves, E. Leonard, C. M. Omar and U. H. Kneal.

ON SUNDAY

On Sunday, the Craigengower C.C. will play the Royal Engineers at Soccer, and the following have been chosen to represent them:
A. B. Hanson (Capt.), P. J. Bullman, A. H. Kneal, U. H. Kneal, T. Edgar, E. J. France, A. Hulse, C. W. Leonard, Mitchell, J. L. Youngs, B. Hanson, Umpire, G. B. Ladd.

Reported Fitting Out Of Nazi Raider

The Shanghai press reports travellers from Kobe as saying that the German liner Scharnhorst (18,104 tons), which took refuge at Kobe at the beginning of the war, is being fitted out as an armed raider. Several large guns are said to have been changed, and her lines have been changed, and her lines British naval authorities are non-committal, saying that similar reports have been circulated previously.

Athletic Records Topple In Russia

MOSCOW, Nov.—The annual Voroshilov Cross-Country Race marked the close of the summer athletic season. The race demonstrates how widespread athletics have become in the Soviet Union. Eleven years ago only 126 persons started in this race. This year 45,000 persons participated in Moscow alone, the total throughout the U.S.S.R. being well over 100,000.

The winner of the race, Vanin, of the Red Army, covered the distance of 10 kilometres in 31 min. 24 secs., beating last year's record by 17 secs.

THIRTY-NINE RECORDS

DURING the summer, Soviet athletes established 39 new All-Union records in running, jumping, discus throwing, etc.

European records were established this season in pole vaulting (Osolin, 4.26 metres, and Bayevsky, 4.23 metres) and in the long jump (Danilenko, 7.40 metres).

Having improved his record in the five kilometre race, S. Znamensky now ranks among the 10 best runners of the world. Slapanchonok the hurdle racer, now ranks second in Europe, his result being 14.6 secs.

WOMEN CHAMPIONS

THE women athletes, Sechenova and Kossareva, achieved good results over 100 metres (12.3 secs.).

A new All-Union record in the 100 metre race, 10.6 secs., has been established.

Cyclists established 19 new records, motorcyclists nine records, and automobile drivers another three records.

WORLD AQUATIC RECORD

FORTY-SIX swimming records of the U.S.S.R. were improved upon during the past summer.

S. Bolshenko established a new world record, covering 200 metres in breast-stroke style in 2 min. 37.7secs. Soviet swimmers also established a world record in free style relay race over 4x100 metres—3 min. 57secs.

Ushakov swam 100 metres in crawl style in 57.5 secs. This speed has not been achieved anywhere in the world during the past few years.

Weightlifters set two new records, also improving a number of their own previous records.

OTHER EVENTS

CONTESTS for the championship of the U.S.S.R. were held for rowing (won by Moscow), tennis (won by Hebdia-Lovv), boxing, wrestling, gymnastics, basketball, etc. Soviet football teams, playing against a Bulgarian eleven, won four games, a fifth game ending in a draw.

All-Union competitions in "Gorodki" (a popular Russian game) were held, as also were several regattas and naval rowing contests on the Black Sea.

The mountain climbing season is also drawing to a close, and several records have already been established.

P. T. COMPETITION ARRANGED FOR LOCAL SCHOOLS

A Physical Training Competition open to local Vernacular Schools has been arranged by the Education Department to take place as follows: Kowloon Schools—Thursday, Dec. 19 at 9 a.m. on the Kowloon Football Club ground.

Hongkong Schools—Friday, Dec. 20 at 9 a.m. on the Hongkong Football Club ground.

The final will be held also on Friday morning at 11.30 a.m., after which His Excellency the Acting Governor will distribute the prizes.

Fanling Golf

First And Second Round Matches For Captain's Cup

Following is the draw for the Royal Hongkong Golf Club's Captain's Cup competition, with the handicaps of players in brackets:

First round—A. J. Dennis (10) v. S. L. Lloyd (10); K. S. Robertson (9) v. G. Thompson (10); A. B. Purves (10) v. H. A. Mills (17).

Second round—M. L. Reidy (17) v. T. McGarry (9); A. W. Bourne (9) v. W. S. Miller (10); W. C. Sheehan (9) v. T. Low (12); J. W. Clarke (10) v. F. A. Howard (17); A. H. McBride (12) v. H. Overy (18); G. M. Park (9) v. F. C. Young (14); J. Linaker (15) to play the winner of the Dennis-Lloyd match.

The first round is to be played on or before December 29, the second round on or before January 19, the third on or before February 9, the semi-final on or before March 2 and the final on or before March 16. The first-named in each match is the challenger and is responsible for arranging dates.

NAVY RUGBY TEAM

The following will represent the Royal Navy in their Quadrangular Rugby Tournament match on the Navy ground on Saturday at 4 p.m.:
Lieut. Morahan; Sub-Lieut. McGill; Honorary Will. Paul, Bowden; Mid. O'Riordan; Lieut. Ruthven; Palmer; Lieut. Watson (Capt.); Mandell; King; Flight-Lieut. Taylor; Longmuir; Sub-Lieut. Beattie; Sub-Lieut. Poole; Reserve, Sub-Lieut. Kennedy; Cadet Lambie; Sub-Lieut. (2) Brown; Stockham.

SPORTS ADVT.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

THE THIRTEENTH EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at HAPPY VALLEY on SATURDAY, 14th December, 1940, commencing at 2.00 p.m.

The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE
No One without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Such must be worn throughout the duration of each Meeting in such a manner as to be readily identified.

Badges admitting Non-Members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$5.00 for Gentlemen and \$3.00 for Ladies (both including tax) are obtainable through the SECRETARY upon the personal or written application of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for Payment of all Chits, etc.

The Secretary's Office, 1st Floor, Exchange Building, (Tel. 27794) will close at 11.45 a.m.

Tickets are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 21920).

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE
The price of Admission to the Public Enclosure is \$1.00 including Tax, for all Persons, including Ladies, and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform are admitted Half Price.

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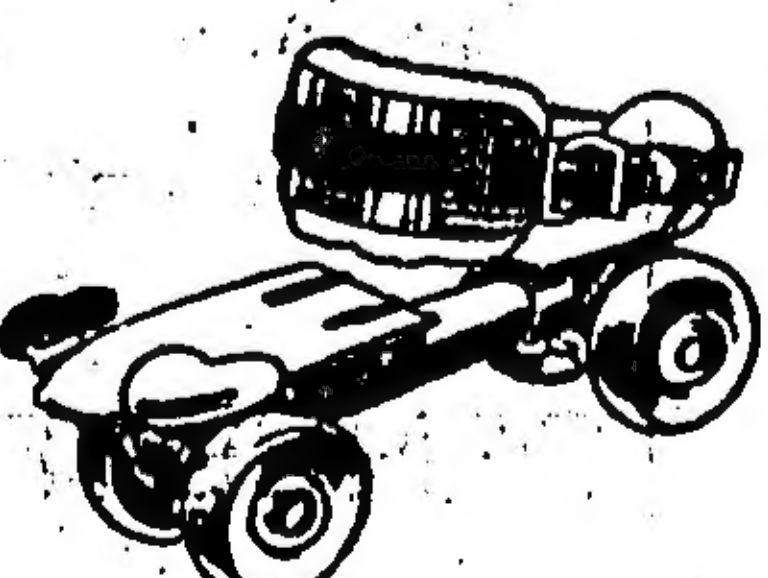
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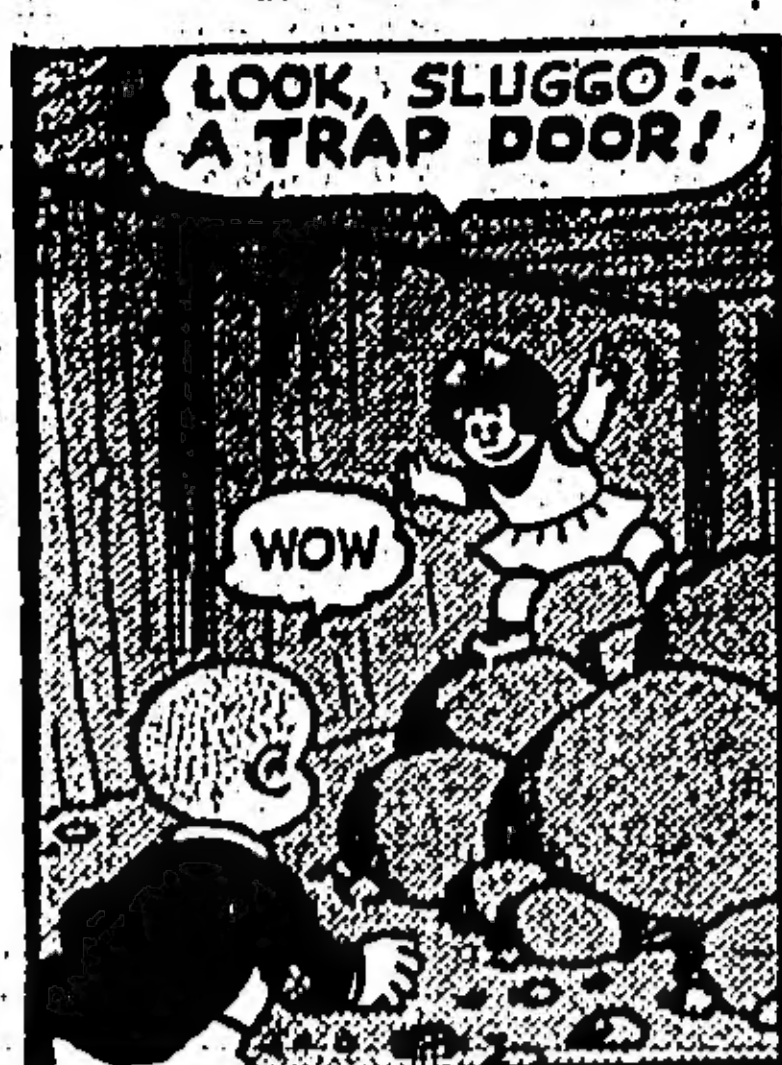
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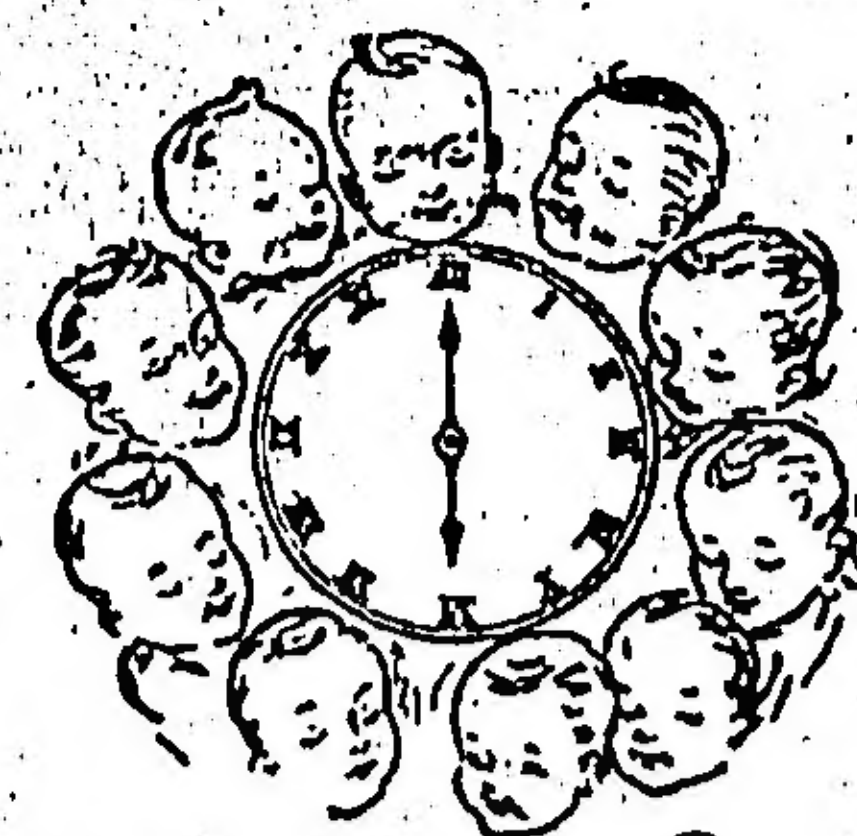
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Fast Freight Schedule Of New U. S. Vessels

The American President Lines have received information to the effect that arrangements have now been completed for new fast American flag vessels to replace the "City Line" vessels which were previously operated in the Trans-Pacific trade by the American President Lines.

The new vessels are the C-1 type of freighters which have recently been constructed under the programme of the United States Maritime Commission. It is expected that these vessels will follow the same itinerary on the Pacific as the "City Line" vessels did. However, they will proceed from San Francisco and Los Angeles through to New York.

The first of these vessels to call at Hongkong will be the Zoella Lykes. Temporary schedule provides for this vessel to call from Hongkong on January 29, arriving at San Francisco on February 12, at Los Angeles on February 14, and at New York on March 2. This vessel will be followed by the Rouben Tiplon, which is scheduled to call from Hongkong on February 18, arriving at San Francisco on March 4, at Los Angeles on March 6, and at New York on March 22. Although these schedules are temporary, it is expected that the sailing dates are approximately correct. These vessels will be followed by vessels of the same type with monthly sailings. This schedule will give the fastest time from Hongkong to San Francisco, being only 14 days, and also the fastest time from Hongkong to New York, being only 32 days in transit.

Picture Exhibition

War-time restriction on cameras has reduced the number of landscape studies in the second annual All-China Exhibition of Pictorial Photography arranged by the Photographic Society of Hongkong.

The exhibition, which opens to-day in the Peacock Lounge, Exchange Building, maintains last year's high standard, but indicates that photographers are now concentrating on portraits and indoor studies. The display of 100 photographs selected from 400 prints will be open from 10 a.m. to 7.30 p.m. until Sunday. Admission is free.

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From the Studio

12.15 p.m. Short Service of Intercession.
12.30 The New Mayfair Orchestra and Phyllis Robins (Vocal).
A Musical Comedy Switch (arr. Hall). New Mayfair Orchestra. Till the Lights of London Shine Again (Conner-Pola). A Child's Prayer (Thayer-Leycester). Phyllis Robins (Vocal) with Orchestra. "Bala-lulka" Selection (Postford). New Mayfair Orchestra. I'm Sending a Letter to Santa Claus (Rogers-Williams). Phyllis Robins (Vocal) with Orchestra. "Sweet Adeline" Selection (Kern). New Mayfair Orchestra with Vocalists.

1.0 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.
1.03 Leslie Hutchinson (Vocal) at the Piano.
1.15 Anton and the Paramount Theatre Orchestra.
1.30 Reuter & Rugby Press. Weather Forecast and Announcements.
1.45 Haydn—Symphony No. 82 in G Major ("Oxford").
Orchestra de la Societe des Concerts du Conservatoire, cond. by Bruno Walter.

2.15 Close down.
6.30 Closing local Stock Quotations.
6.32 Compositions of Haydn.
The Heavens are Telling (from "The Creation") The Choir of Temple Church, London, with Organ, Quartet in G Major, Op. 64, No. 4, Pro Arte Quartet, Minuet in C Sharp Minor, Chain of Waltzes, Wanda Landowska (Harpichord).

7.0 London Relay—The News.
7.15 London Relay—"Questions of the Hour".
7.30 London Relay—"Liberty Hall" Variety.

8.0 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 Studio—Concert by The Paradise Islanders.
1. Hula Blues, 2. South Sea Island Music, 3. Hawaii Calls (From the Film), 4. The Palms of Paradise (from Film "Typhoon"), 5. My Blue Heaven, 6. Indian Love Call (From "Rose Marie"), 7. When You Dream About Hawaii, 8. I'll Never Smile Again.

8.33 Marek Weber & His Orchestra. "Cavalleria Rusticana"—Selection (Mascagni). Danube Waves—Waltz (Strauss). From Mozart's Treasure Store—Fantasia (Urbach).
9.0 London Relay—The News & News Commentary.
9.30 London Relay—Talk: "To Talk of Many Things".
9.45 Dance Music by Mantovani & His Orchestra.

10.15 Variety.
Comedian—Confessions of a Cheeky Chappy... Max Miller; Two Pianos—Medley, Intro: Thanks for the Memory; Two dreams got together; Don't ever change; I double dare you; Sweet as a song; Mama, I wanna make rhythm... Reginald Forsythe and Arthur Young—Sketch—Going to the Pictures. The Two Cooney Kids (Ethel Revelt and Gracie West); Organ—La Paloma (Yradler), O Sole Mio (Di Capua)... Horst Schlimmelpennig; Vocal Quintette—Daddy Wouldn't Buy Me A Bow-Wow (Tablar). Little Annie Rooney (Nolan)... The Maestros with Piano; Mouth Organ—You Can't Run Away from Love (Poland); Intro: Cause my baby says it so; Night Over Shanghai (all from The Singing Marine)... Larry Adler with Orchestra; Comedian—The Girl Next Door; How the So-And-So Can I Be Happy... Max Miller.
11.00 Close Down.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

A total of \$1,482,315 was reached yesterday by the War Fund inaugurated by the S. C. M. Post Ltd. with the following donations:
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STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary, issued yesterday says: With the volume greatly increased to-day dealings were registered in practically all the leading counters, Banks, Trams, Realities and Cements reaching new higher levels. Four more Gold issues are reporting the following dividends.

United Paracels... .02 ctvos
San Maurizio... .02 ctvos
Logans... .02 ctvos
Coco Grove... .01½ ctvos

Buyers
H.K. Banks \$1,340
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Providents \$5.55
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Lands \$18.75/17.50
Lights "O" C.D. \$7.35
Lights "N" C.D. \$7.10
Electric \$40
Cements \$18.75/18.50
Watsons \$10.50/60

Spanish Freighter

Yokohama, Dec. 10.
The Spanish freighter Monte Oiz, 6,000 tons, the first Spanish ship to arrive in Japan since the Spanish civil war, entered port to-day with a crew of 48, all Spaniards.
The ship left Spain on November 4 and stayed in New York for a few days. Then it sailed for Japan via Panama. The freighter is expected to sail to Kobe to-morrow, but its destination thereafter is not yet known.—Domei.

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DUCHESS DOES HER BIT—As president of the Bahamas Red Cross, the Duchess of Windsor, centre works with other women rolling bandages for British wounded, at the Red Cross headquarters in Nassau. The Duchess is the First Lady of the islands, where her husband is Governor-General.

Disaster Facing The Italians In Desert

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further to the Italian rear towards Tobruk.

Grand Scale Operations

The scope of such operations is admittedly on a grand scale. It would involve some extra effort and risk. But the moment is propitious; the enemy's morale is undoubtedly severely shaken and may give way altogether quite easily.

It is to be noted with satisfaction that General Wavell and Sir Maitland Wilson have called on every weapon at our command to play a part in the defeat of the enemy, for both the navy and air force have been active and have made their power felt.

It remains to be seen whether the British can press the Italians back into Libya; whether, indeed, we can drive them out of the country altogether.

The Arabs may well rise and make harassing attacks on isolated Italian columns, parties and even their civilian colonists.

On the other side of the Mediterranean, in Albania, prospects look equally bright. The Greeks are still pressing on despite terrible winter weather. Such weather is as destructive to a retreating army as it is a cause of delay to an advancing one.

Naval Co-Operation

The Italians in Albania are in a most dangerous position. We can spare enough ships from operations on the Libyan coast to send a naval squadron to Valona and such a stroke would be decisive. A naval attack on this port would cut off the retreat of half the Italian army and would prevent further reinforcements from reaching them. The fleet need have no fears in accepting such a challenge.

Mussolini and his Fascist empire are rocking. Can the British forces push it over now? It is possible.

Italian Divisions Reported Cut Off

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navy will make the position hopeless. It is estimated that the front occupied by the Italians is about 30 miles wide.

It is believed that the prisoners taken yesterday were mostly Libyans.

British Navy Active

CAIRO, Dec. 10 (UP).—A naval communiqué issued to-day states during the night of December 3-9 British naval units bombarded Maktila Camp and Sidi Barrani in the support of army operations.

COAST PORTS SET ABLAZE

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Channel ports last night were still blazing fiercely to-day.

This morning the haze over the Channel still glowed red, but later in the day great flames and columns of smoke rising from the French coast made a spectacular sight.

The fires appeared to be worst in and around Calais.

NAZIS TOUCHY Over Royal Box

"Tidens Tegn," the largest morning newspaper in Oslo, has been suspended, because it commented sarcastically on the occupancy of the Royal Box in the Municipal Theatre.

The audience recently saw a man and woman in the royal box and shouted protests, whereupon the couple withdrew.

Tidens Tegn, referring to the incident, said the box, once reserved for King Haakon (who is in exile), now apparently belonged to foreigners and "is available to anyone who can afford to pay an adequate subscription."

Two Spies Executed In England

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The Duchess underwent a major operation this afternoon.

The doctors reported that she reacted promptly and favourably. The Duchess left the operating room 25 minutes after the anaesthetic was administered.

Carnarvon Castle Sails Again

MONTEVIDEO, Dec. 10 (Reuter).—The Carnarvon Castle sailed at 8.15 p.m. G.M.T. all repairs having been completed.

Despite the rain a large crowd assembled at the quayside and cheered the British armed cruiser on her departure.

HITLER SPEECH War On Capitalist Countries

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10 (Reuter).—Hitler's speech is regarded here as a "pep talk" to munitions workers, and secondly a challenge to the rest of the world, whether belligerent or not, which opposes Nazi economics.

Hitler's announcement of war on capitalism everywhere is taken here as aimed chiefly at Britain and the United States, and as final recognition that America, if not belligerent, is really in the war with Britain.

It is also considered significant that German workers needed such a "pep talk," particularly such a lengthy one.

Hitler's "Bodyguard"

BERLIN, Dec. 10 (UP).—It has been disclosed that when Hitler made his speech, he was surrounded by eight heavy anti-aircraft batteries with brilliant searchlights.

STOCK EXCHANGE

LONDON, Dec. 10 (Reuter).—Although sentiment was brighter on the Stock Exchange, business generally ruled quiet.

Greek and Far Eastern loans, especially Chinese loans, moved higher but Brazilians were occasionally offered.

Cuts met good enquiry. Anglo-Iranians advanced from 31s. 3d. to 35s.

Several industrial strengthened while Kaffir dividend payers appreciated on local support.

Wall Street was quiet.

U.S. Study Of Air Training

OTTAWA, Dec. 10 (Reuter).—Lieut.-Cmdr. Wamamaker and Lieut.-Cmdr. Taylor of the United States Air Arm, have arrived here on a tour of the Dominion to study the Empire Air Training plan with a view to incorporating features of it in the American training programme.

They said that the United States coastal defence scheme will engage a force of 25,000 fully trained pilots of the naval air arm alone by 1944.

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R.A.F.'S PART IN OFFENSIVE

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great damage to enemy communications and inflicted many casualties on enemy personnel by dive machine-gun attacks.

Later reconnaissance flights reported large fires west of Budbug, and in other roads enemy motor transports were burning on the road, causing dislocation of enemy troop movements.

During these intensive air operations which were continuous from dawn to dusk, only three of our aircraft failed to return to their bases, but of these pilots, two are safe within our own territory.

Italian Forces Attacked

CAIRO, Dec. 10 (Reuter).—Many tons of bombs were dropped by British planes, which varied their tactics by diving low and carrying out machine gun attacks on enemy troops. The R.A.F. onslaughts in support of the British drive undoubtedly accounts for the absence of Italian raids on Alexandria during the recent moonlight nights.

Evidently the Italians needed every available aircraft to meet the R.A.F. Months of meticulous preparations behind the lines preceded the present action against Graziani's army, the bulk of which appears to be stationed in the region around Sollum where the frontiers of Egypt and Libya meet. All branches of British forces in the Middle East, extending 400 miles into the desert from G.H.Q. at Cairo are perfectly co-ordinated.

BRITISH COAST DEFENCE

London, Dec. 10.

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LATE NEWS

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Death Of American After Police Raid

Shanghai, Dec. 10.

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The Police said he was intoxicated and became unconscious in the patrol wagon on his way to the Police Station. It is not known whether he died at the Police Station or on his way to hospital in the police ambulance, autopsy finding has not yet been announced.

Hely was a native of San Francisco.—United Press.

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